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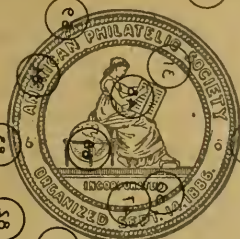
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EDITORIAL

ONCE AGAIN For the second time a volume of the new quarterly journal of the American Philatelic Society makes its bow before the public. Launched under force of "public opinion" a year ago, it has weathered a somewhat tempestuous trial trip, delayed both by storm and calm, being finally brought safely to port by the masterful Chicago pilot, whose hand has hardly left the tiller during the voyage.

Once again, therefore, we start out, still under handicaps to be sure, but determined to make the second trip yet more successful, and to render to those who stood sponsor for the venture an account that shall justify them in their action. But let these "god-fathers" remember that they have duties as such! They have spoken; now let them act!

The Editor of the "American Philatelist" stands in a somewhat peculiar position; he is editor and business manager rolled into one, yet the first number of each volume is practically taken out of his hands, as it is largely Convention proceedings and other official matter which he can neither select nor edit. For the rest he is authorized "to invite literary contributions from the membership." Here, then, is a point for the above mentioned god-fathers, which will test their interest and sincerity.

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voted to establish the "Quarterly," should stand by your guns and assist it, but all the members should now have an interest. Make it a repository of your studies, of your discussions, of your discoveries; let it be a general clearing house for the membership, and interest in it will grow apace. We have lacked much that is serious or of practical value in American philatelic literature for the past few years. Why not make an effort to retrieve some of the lost ground? And where else can a better repository be found than in the "Quarterly" of the largest and most influential Society this side of the big pond? Convention time seems all too short to bring forth much literary endeavor, such as societies in other branches produce; let us show that we are not behind them in such work by what we can present in our Society's journal.

ONCE MORE THE INVITATION IS EXTENDED!!!

OFFICIAL STAMPS AGAIN Word has come from Washington that Postmaster General Hitchcock intends to revive the use of official stamps. Not on the grand scale that took place in 1873, thank goodness, but in a mild yet insinuating way that may lead up to similar results if his plans mature. The new postal savings law empowered the Postmaster General to adopt the scheme, and the result is about to appear in the issue of a special stamp and stamped envelope for use in the transmission of official matter relating to the business of the new postal savings system.

The scheme is primarily intended to keep track of the cost of this new venture of the Post Office Department, which would be practically impossible under the present method of franking by use of the so-called "penalty envelopes." The special stamps will enable a strict accounting to be kept, by which the postal savings bureau can be debited with its proper share of the cost of mail transportation.

Our worthy Postmaster General has had his eye to windward in all this, and it is understood to be his intention to demonstrate the virtue of the official stamp plan, and then urge its extension to all other departments of the Government. There is no question that the franking system is open to all manner of abuses, from the sending of private letters to the transmission of household goods. The Government certainly realizes that "there's millions in it"—for the other fellows. That was the cause of the issue of the department stamps in 1873—to serve as a check upon extravagance in the use of the mails. But to speak in every day terms, "graft" won out again in 1884; the use of stamps that kept account was abolished and the return of the "no account" frank was acclaimed.

Mr. Hitchcock, as we all know, has been strenuously trying to reduce the large annual deficit of the Post Office Department and to put that department on a paying basis. This is all very well, but it must be understood that the "deficit," so-called, is really the net cost to the Government of operating the department. So much is appropriated by Congress for the expenses of the post office each year; the postal receipts are less by, say, \$10,000,000; this "deficit" is then all that the public revenues are called upon to pay for running the vast business of the post office, which means so much in the mercantile and social life of the people. Yet Congress can pass an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the navy with scarcely a murmur, and without the expectation of the return of a cent. Is it then exactly fair, is it wholly a matter of enlightened policy, is it really sound business sense to strive so eagerly to reduce this really paltry "deficit," when the method employed is one of raising rates and curtailing long standing advantages rather than looking first to economy of internal administration and increasing the efficiency of the service?

What this means is seen in the increase of the registration rate. Where the usual foreign rate is four or five

cents, we are taxed double the amount and have a poorer registration service than many foreign countries as well. Canada had for years a domestic rate of two cents; nobody claimed it "paid," but it served its purpose of putting registration where no one could afford to ignore it, and so furnished protection for most of the valuable mail handled, and reduced the temptation to postal employees of appropriating unregistered valuables.

Next the return receipt that always came back to us is ours no longer unless we "demand" it. Soon it may be "five cents, please" if we desire it. So a notice from a postmaster to the sender, that his missive is undeliverable for a certain reason, requires a tax on the sender of a 2 cent stamp, though the respective postmasters use "penalty envelopes." To paraphrase a bit, "The public be—waked" is apparently the new motto. Again an almost prohibitive rate was suggested for newspapers and periodicals, instead of attacking the exorbitant transportation charges of the railroads; meanwhile we are denied the advantages of a parcel post, which almost every other civilized country finds of vast convenience, so that the coffers of the express companies may be filled; and all the time tons and tons of congressman's speeches, in their weightiest form, voluminous volumes of government reports, and carloads of "seeds" are being scattered broadcast over the land to "our dear constituents," at no cost to anybody, of course,—but helping to make the "deficit" just the same.

Come, Mr. Hitchcock, let our rates and the few perquisites we get from our post office alone, unless you can reduce the former and increase the latter. Cut some of the red tape in your department; apply more business methods to its workings; increase its usefulness to the public; reduce the cost of transporting the mails; give us a parcel post; curtail the franking abuses; then you will not need to raise any rates, you will see your revenues increase, you will wipe out that "deficit" without "squeezing" us, and we shall be on the road to

one cent postage and five cent registration. Do this and we will forgive you a special set of stamps from one cent to five dollars for every department of the government.

CHULA- The King is dead! Long
LONGKORN live the King! To most
 ordinary intelligences the
 above heading would mean but little, unless taken for an incantation. To the extraordinary intelligence of the stamp collector, on the other hand, it is even familiar, and we dare venture to say that some may be able to repeat the rest of it—which runs off into a perspective. But, laying persiflage aside, we are doubtless all sorry at the news from Siam. King Chulalongkorn, with whose features at least philatelists have been familiar for twenty-seven years, has entered Nirvana and another King reigns in his stead.

Few Eastern potentates, save the Shah of Persia, the King of Siam, and several Indian Rajahs, have shown us their features on postage stamps. In the case of Siam there has been but one, and as he occupied the place of honor on all issues, and as those issues have been withal attractive and popular, the lineaments of the late King have become fixed in our memories.

King Shulalongkorn was born Sept. 30, 1853, and was thus but fifty-seven years old. He was educated by an American governess and an English officer, and his rapid progress in his studies caused his father, King Mongkut, to appoint him heir apparent, though he was not the eldest son. On October 1, 1868, King Mongkut died, and the same night the youth of fifteen was proclaimed King by the Senabodi or Council of the highest princes and nobles of the realm. As a ruler he proved most progressive, and availed himself fully of the advantages of European and American advisers in all departments of his government. He soon reformed the old servile court etiquette, next abolished slavery, and busied himself in founding schools and hospitals, sending many young noblemen to

Europe for education at his own expense, introducing the railway, post office, telegraph, telephone, electric lights, water supply, etc., and in general built up a modern state on ancient Oriental foundations.

Like all of his race, the King was small of stature, having a slight and very erect figure. He was really handsome, being of fair complexion for a Siamese—like a swarthy European—and with a frank countenance lighted up by fine, intelligent dark eyes. A glance at the portrait on the 1887 issue of stamps will confirm the description. He was a faithful Buddhist, and on the stamps of 1906, which are among the most attractive of Oriental issues, is pictured the "Wat-ching," the great temple along the banks of the Menam river in Bangkok, which is not merely a building but a city of temples, upon which he spent millions of dollars.

In the fall of 1908 King Chulalongkorn

celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his accession, and in truly Western style did not forget to issue jubilee stamps. Certain low values were overprinted simply, but the occasion proved opportune to bring out a series of large bi-colored high values showing an equestrian statue of His Majesty, and these stamps make an imposing addition to our album pages.

The Crown Prince, who was proclaimed King immediately upon his father's death, on October 22nd last, is named Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh. He was born on January 1, 1881, and was educated in Europe, chiefly in England. He visited the United States in 1902. He is reputed to give promise of being a worthy successor of his father, and as he is also a fine looking man, and credited with being a stamp collector as well, we may look for no lapse in the attractiveness of future issues from the Land of the White Elephant.

REPÚBLICA DE PORTUGAL

By C. A. Howes.

What a strange combination is here! Portugal, the land that gave us royal cameos on its stamps for so long: First the matronly Queen Maria; next the saucy, boyish King Pedro V, with straight hair or curly hair, to suit the fancy; finally the likewise youthful King Luiz. Then, forgetting the effectiveness of the embossed head, there came the flat and unattractive portraits of King Luiz in maturer years, followed by King Carlos of tragic memory, and lastly by King Manuel, the unfortunate.

Portugal, the great maritime power of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, whose discoveries, explorations and conquests under Prince Henry the Navigator, Bartholomew Dias, Vasco da Gama, Magellan and others gave her the vast colonial empire of which a large part still remains in her possession. Only Brazil has left the parental fold, but in spite of the territory and population thus lost to her, Portugal still ranks fourth as a colonial power. This may seem surprising, but England, France and Germany are her only rivals.

The stamp collector is well aware of these facts, but it may be interesting to tabulate her present holdings, as there is no telling what the future may bring forth.

COLONIES.	AREA.	POPULATION.
Cape Verde Islands	1,480 s. m.	147,424
Portuguese Guinea	13,940 s. m.	820,000
St. Thomes and Prince Islands.....	360 s. m.	42,103
Angola (including Portuguese Congo)	484,800 s. m.	4,119,000
Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique, Zambesia, Lourenco Marques, etc.)	293,400 s. m.	3,120,000
Portuguese India (Goa, Damao and Diu)	1,638 s. m.	531,798

Timor	7,330 s. m.	300,000
Macao	4 s. m.	63,991
Total	802,952 s. m.	9,144,316

It will be noted that the Azores and the Madeira Islands are not in the above table, for they are regarded as an integral part of the mother country and not as colonies.

Portugal, the prolific philatelic producer! Though the officials who have guided her postal affairs may not have been philatelists, yet they understood stamp collectors and knew how to cater to their susceptibilities. Portugal's early philatelic history is mild but full of interest. Down to 1892 the issues were clean and straightforward, but then began an orgy of surcharging, followed by a deluge of commemorative stamps that turned the tide of philatelic favor away from the country. The "Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps," familiarly known as the "S. S. S. S.," was largely a consequence of the "St. Anthony" issue which so closely followed the "Prince Henry" issue.

We grant that the achievements of Prince Henry the Navigator, who opened up the wealth of the West African coasts, are worthy of Portuguese pride; but whether worthy of special stamps in thirteen values is another question.

The St. Anthony series of fifteen values is at least utterly nonsensical. But we confess we are inclined to look with some favor on the modest set of eight stamps commemorating Vasco da Gama's successful voyage to India, and were these Portugal's only offense we would have nothing to say. The achievement ranks in a way with the discovery of America, for da Gama also dared the dangers and superstitions of the unknown ocean, found and doubled the Cape of Good Hope, showed the way to those who later brought East Africa under Portuguese sway, and, crossing the Indian Ocean, opened up the vast richness of India to the trade of Europe, and laid the foundations of Portugal's present colonial possessions in the East.

But besides the issues of the mother country—"Portugal Continente," as we read on the stamps of 1892—the colonies have not been forgotten by any means. Madeira and the Azores were early provided with surcharged stamps. St. Thomas and Prince and Angola soon followed with the "Crown" type, and Portuguese India with its home made production. Then followed the rest of the lot.

But mark: The Azores and Madeira were constituted provinces of Portugal; where then was the need of the surcharges? The provinces were next divided into districts, Madeira becoming the Funchal district and the Azores being divided into three—Angra, Horta and Ponta Delgada; when behold! a new set of stamps for each district! Why were not the remaining seventeen districts of Portugal itself so favored? Then Mozambique was divided into three districts—one of the same name, Zambesia and Lourenco Marques; and behold! a new set of stamps for each of these! Then the territory, granted a trading company which failed, was organized as the district of Inhambane, and a fourth set of stamps appears. But in spite of these four necessary (?) issues, when the da Gama set appeared, one series for all the African possessions was sufficient! Does it begin to dawn on the stamp collector how he has been worked?

Of the trading companies, Mozambique and Nyassa, we have nothing to say; the British South Africa, East Africa and North Borneo Companies have "set the pace" in this respect.

But the worst blow of all came in 1902. The remainder of various earlier colonial issues, then on hand in Lisbon, were advertised for sale by public auction in the latter part of 1901. This was not so bad. But only a fraction of the face value was offered, very naturally, and the authorities therefore determined to face collectors to buy at face value by surcharging and reissuing the whole lot. The various African colonies, Portuguese, India, Macao and Timor were thus served up in a style that

simply disgusted all decent collectors. Portugal has "gone the limit" in the game of "placing the lambs."

Now comes another opportunity. The Republic is established, and all current issues of Portugal and her colonies bear the royal effigy—Manuel or Carlos. The ball has started rolling — REPUBLICA appears in surcharge on the Portuguese issues. What will the Colonies do? WATCH!

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the
AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pursuant to the following call, the Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society was held at the Museum of Art, Detroit, Mich., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 16th, 17th and 18th, 1910:

CALL FOR CONVENTION.

Office of the President, 6643 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill., May 28th, 1910.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:—

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of this Society, for the election of directors and the transaction of such business as may be legally brought before it, will be convened at Detroit, state of Michigan, upon Tuesday, the sixteenth day of August, 1910, at 10 o'clock A. M., and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as the Committee on Credentials: P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, Ill., chairman; W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass.; H. C. Crowell, of Cleveland, Ohio; C. F. Heyerman, of Detroit, Mich.; L. C. Hassler, of Louisville, Ky.

The Committee of Arrangements (previously appointed) will stand as follows: Eugene Telfer, A. R. Fernald, Howard C. Beck and C. F. Heyerman, all of Detroit, Michigan.

The headquarters of the Convention will be at the Hotel Cadillac; business sessions will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts on Jefferson Street.

H. N. MUDGE, President.

ATTENDANCE.

The following stockholders and visitors were present at one or more of the sessions:

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Bescher, Frank	Kansas City, Missouri
Beukma, Wm.	Denver, Colorado
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Boers, Herman W.....	Detroit, Michigan
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Bowker, H. F.....	Chicago, Illinois
Bressler, E. A.....	Detroit, Michigan
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Galbraith, J. A.....	Newark, New Jersey
Good, Alvin	Cleveland, Ohio
Green, Ben G.....	Chicago, Illinois
Hall, R. D.....	Mount Vernon, Ohio
Harrison, W. R.....	Pontiac, Michigan
Hart, Oliver S.....	Akron, Ohio
Hanford, Lewis A.....	Cleveland, Ohio
Hartenstein, Julius	Detroit, Michigan
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Lindquist, H. L.....	Chicago, Illinois

Linn, George Ward	Columbus, Ohio
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Look, Henry	Detroit, Michigan
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Telfer, Eugene	Detroit, Michigan
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Warren, A. J.	Saline, Michigan
Webb, Clarence V.	Perry, Ohio
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Whittaker, W. G.	Cleveland, Ohio
Wilson, Clarence W.	Detroit, Michigan
Wilson, E. C.	Detroit, Michigan
Wolsieffer, P. M.	Chicago, Illinois
Woodruff, Fremont	Detroit, Michigan

APPLICANTS.

The following applicants, all of whom have since been admitted to membership, were in attendance:

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Mrs. Brannan	Cleveland, Ohio
Miss Brannan	Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. C. B. Flerlage	Cincinnati, Ohio
Mrs. Farnham	Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. Fischer	Cincinnati, Ohio
Miss Fischer	Cincinnati, Ohio
F. Colson	Norwalk, Ohio
Mrs. Galbraith	Newark, New Jersey
Mrs. Hassler	Louisville, Kentucky
Mrs. Hopkins	Brownsville, Texas
Mrs. Heyerman	Detroit, Michigan
Mr. E. E. Soule	
Mrs. Soule	
Miss Dorothy Wilder	Canton, Ohio
Mrs. Kissinger	Reading, Pennsylvania
Master Harold Kissinger	Reading, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Legg	Pepperall, Massachusetts
Mrs. Look	Detroit, Michigan
Miss Dunbar	Detroit, Michigan
Miss Helen Parker	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Ranney	Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. Schmalzreidt	Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. A. C. Stewart	Toledo, Ohio
Mrs. A. L. Smith	Detroit, Michigan
Master Sterling Smith	Detroit, Michigan
Mrs. Whittaker	Chicago, Illinois
Master Whittaker	Chicago, Illinois
R. A. Shuffelton	Greenville, Ohio
Hon. Homer Warren.....	Detroit, Michigan
A. H. Griffiths	Detroit, Michigan

Total number of stockholders registered.....112

Applicants registered 3

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment offered the visiting delegates and their friends by Detroit Branch No. 25 set a new standard in the social feature of our conventions. It covered a great variety of surprises and gave much enjoyment to the participants, all of whom retain most pleasant remembrances of Detroit "where life is worth living."

On the evening of Monday, August 15th, a reception was held in the parlors of the Cadillac Hotel. Mrs. C. A. Coolidge, Mrs. F. E. Farnham and President Mudge received, and Gen. C. A. Coolidge introduced the delegates.

The following evening, Tuesday the 16th, was devoted to an auction sale at one of the popular restaurants, Alt Heidelberg. This entertainment was properly described as "A Fantasia with German Trimmings." This was especially enjoyed by the many members who never have the opportunity to attend public auctions, and Mr. Howard C. Beck, in the role of auctioneer, was the hit of the evening. It being anticipated that this entertainment, so dear to the hearts of the male contingent, would have no charms for the ladies, the latter were entertained at the theater under the courteous guidance of Mrs. General Coolidge.

At one-thirty Wednesday, the delegates and guests started on an all afternoon boat ride through the Detroit River, across Lake St. Claire and up St. Claire Flats. The party was accompanied by a large orchestra and the upper deck cleared for dancing. On the return trip the party was landed at Belle Isle, where supper was served on the upper verandas of the Casino.

At the close of the convention Thursday all were bundled into sight seeing autos and enjoyed a trip out Jefferson Avenue, through Water Works Park and Belle Isle.

At the opening of the convention delegates were properly surprised by a rush of newsboys through the convention hall with copies of "The Philatelic Error" for distribution. This proved to be full of happy hits on visiting, as well as local, delegates, and was hugely enjoyed and taken home as the most prized souvenir of the week.

The stamp exhibition, given throughout the length of the convention, was purely a Detroit affair, in that every exhibit was that of a Detroit member. The various stamps shown covered a wide range, and contained many very rare and unique specimens. An especial word should be given Mr. Geo. W. Rice who, the writer understands, took most of the responsibilities in the gathering together of, and arranging, the various exhibits, and who kept in constant attendance ready to give any information that visitors might wish. Among the exhibitors were Gen. C. A. Coolidge, Sol E. Heineman, C. F. Heyerman, John Kay and Mr. Rice.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

SESSION OF TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16th.

The Convention was called to order by General Charles A. Coolidge.

General Coolidge: Gentlemen of the American Philatelic Society: We were not able to start quite on time, but we hope to start everything else on time. We shall expect punctuality in getting to our steamboats, our theatres and so forth. We are not always even ten minutes late.

On behalf of the Detroit Philatelic Society, I desire to welcome and greet the members of the National American Philatelic Society to Detroit. The Mayor will give you the keys of the city and some other things, and the entrance to the police station later. This is our twenty-fifth meeting of the American Philatelic Society, and next year we are going to have a great celebration. I hope there will be more at that celebration than I am afraid Detroit is going to have at this time. We welcome you, and we know that you have a lot of earnest work before you for the next three days, but the Detroit Philatelic Society has endeavored to sandwich that work in with a little pleasure, and we will try to entertain you on the river and at the smoker, at the theater and in the automobile ride. We would like to have every member register who has ladies with him, so that the ladies may be provided with tickets for the theater this evening. We would also like to have those register who want to go on the automobile ride, ladies and gentlemen, so that we may know how many seats to provide. The auto question is rather uncertain until we know how many we are to entertain. There is an exhibition of postage stamps on the

third floor, although our exhibition is very small, especially so when we contemplate what may occur at Chicago. We have only a few exhibits from different collections of this city. The collectors of this city thought they had some few things you might like to see. We have not put on exhibition one-half or one-tenth of what we have, and they are not very, very valuable. Our friend Mr. Worthington across the river, across the bay here at Cleveland, could show you so much more. But some of these are interesting. I will say they are not all of our collection. Some of our members here have collections which, if they were put on the wall, would fill the walls of this auditorium, and have some to spare.

We want you to register for the theater, as I say. I am not going to take up much of your time in any remarks. Our Mayor has gone to the north, to the watering places of the north, where we shall be happy to send you after you get through here; but we want to keep you here three or four days and then you can hike after him. But we have an acting mayor. Our mayor is a great, stout German, who is a florist, but we have got an acting mayor who will address you and welcome you to this, our city of Detroit, where "life is worth living," and he will welcome you in as flowery language, if not with as many bouquets, as our mayor. I will introduce you to the honorable Mr. Heineman. (Applause)

ADDRESS OF HONORABLE DAVID E. HEINEMAN.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Your chairman chided me a few minutes ago for being late. I am in the role of an apologist this morning for the mayor, and this is the second convention I have had the pleasure of visiting. The other convention met at the Hotel Pontchartrain, and was a convention of heads of fraternal insurance companies. I don't know if any of you ladies and gentlemen have ever experienced any difficulty in getting away from one insurance man, but if you have I don't think you will bear very hard on me for being a few minutes behind time in getting away from about two hundred of them.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure in behalf of the mayor to welcome the members of the American Philatelic Society. We are particularly glad to see you for particular reasons which it will give me pleasure to narrate. To those reasons I do not at all invite the attention of the members of the local association, although the delegates from some of these other cities are concerned a little bit. But some of our citizens, and some of them are—I think most of them—in all respects very prominent, very intelligent, very successful men, they make up the local branch of what the practical man I presume would designate as "Stamp Cranks." And we are a little bit concerned about it. To an outsider it looks at times as if they were possessed by an obsession, and that we really needed you stamp experts to come here and set them right. There is General Coolidge, whom we esteem very highly. I am informed by an official that in putting in his last report to the government about military action, the General reported that there were twelve wounded, seven perforated and five unperforated. (Laughter). We are getting a little bit concerned. We want your help. There is Mr. Kay up there, John Kay, known in this city as a very prominent jeweler, and one of the great experts on diamonds in the United States. Do you know, that man disposes of diamonds and buys stamps! He needs looking after. I noticed yesterday in the paper that a gentleman who is now a member of this assembly, Mr. Heyerman, has got stamps on which the locomotive and the steamboat are reversed, and he really sets high value on them! Now to an outsider there doesn't seem to be any particular added value in a reversed locomotive. I never heard a railroad president intimate that it was a piece of good luck when a locomotive became reversed, and immediately gave orders to issue an extra dividend. It seemed to me it was usually the case that he chased his wrecking

crew out at once to put it back right side up. I never heard of a steamboat president who was particularly gratified when one of his boats turned turtle; and yet we have a very worthy citizen, Mr. Heyerman, who seems elated, seems to think that he should be congratulated because he has got some upside down locomotives. (Applause and laughter). I might go right down the list and show you how we do need your help from outside the city. There are the ladies. There are several delegations here. I may say to you gentlemen that they protest against the invasion of the household. The catalogues are accumulating so that they have to move the furniture out. And I know that when there are any stamp collectors around, the ladies cannot get the men to go to dances or the theater or anything of that kind, this local band that needs looking after. They must meet once a week, I think it is during the winter, and they gather around the table and they study what they are pleased to consider the fine points of stamps and water marks and things like that; but I have noticed round marks left on the table the next morning that I don't believe were water marks at all. (Laughter). So, delegates to this convention, I think I have fairly succeeded in proving to you that you are welcome for a very selfish purpose. We want you to look after these local members of your association and put them right.

Now, seriously, gentlemen, you are especially welcome because you represent an unusual side line of study, and one which our citizens have not had the opportunity of being directed to their attention in the way that it is directed by your presence in our city. To an insider the stamp field must be an extremely interesting one. It touches on history, and we are making you welcome to a very historical city. I think we are less than twenty years back of Philadelphia in point of age; and if old Father William Penn had only been as slow as some of his descendants are reputed to be, I think we would be older than Philadelphia is. But I won't call your attention to the history. I think the members that are interested will be glad to know that they are in such a city. As to the beauty of our city, we are so modest that we will ask you to explore it under the guidance of these gentlemen who in other respects are all right, and let them show you what a beautiful city we have. All I wish to say, General Coolidge and delegates, is that we hope you will be pleased that you have come to Detroit; that the impression that will be made upon you will be printed in bright colors and be one that will never be cancelled. (Applause).

General Coolidge: Gentlemen, Members of the Convention: We had hoped to have the Postmaster General or his assistant with us on this occasion, some representative of the post office department, and we hoped they would tell us something about what they are doing in Washington, as the Postmaster General is an accredited delegate to our convention. Unfortunately I have a letter which was sent to our president, and in explanation I will read a portion of it.

Washington, D. C., August 3, 1910.

Mr. H. N. Mudge, President American Philatelic Society, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I have your letter of July 31st relative to the annual convention of your Society, to be held at Detroit, Michigan, August 16th to 20th.

It is a matter of great personal regret to me that I shall not be able to be with you on that occasion. When the matter was first brought up it was practically decided that I would go to Detroit and talk to the Society on the subject of our postal issues. This would have been a very pleasant duty for me, as I have been for the past two years compiling the official records, statistics, etc., of the various postage stamps issued by the United States since 1847, and believe I could have given your members some interesting facts. However, I shall look forward to this pleasure at your next convention.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General has been absent for some time, and is not likely to return this month. In his absence I am the only one authorized to act for him. As there is no one who can act for me, under these conditions, you will readily appreciate that it is impossible for me to absent myself from the Department at this time.

Wishing you a pleasant and successful meeting, I am,
Very truly yours,

A. M. TRAVERS,
Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General.

We have a substitute here for the postmaster general and his assistant, the postmaster of the City of Detroit, who is an honorary member of our society, and I will ask him to say a few words at this time. Honorable Homer Warren, Postmaster of Detroit. (Applause).

ADDRESS OF MR. HOMER WARREN.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

It is an awful let-down from Postmaster General to just a common postmaster, isn't it? (Laughter). Do any of you know Frank Hitchcock? A great big, splendid fellow—I don't want a re-appointment—that isn't why I am saying this—but if you do you will realize—a fine, big hearted fellow—and then to get me up here! But I just want to say this in the beginning, that the federal government doesn't take second place under any circumstances, except in speech-making. I just want to say that to put myself on record as sustaining the absolute supremacy of the United States government. (Laughter). Now, another thing: My friend Heineman here is a capitalist and banker, and it gives me the greatest pleasure that you can imagine to see that at last you have turned his attention from discouraging the purchase of automobiles—I am president of an automobile company—and he is now trying to stop you from buying stamps. I don't see what right he has to criticise Mr. Kay for selling diamonds and getting stamps. You have stamps much handsomer than any diamonds you can wear. (Applause). I am reminded of a story told by a lady after dinner. It was after dinner the other evening, so I think I may tell it. A colored lady was telling of the performance of Othello, which she had witnessed shortly before. She said: "Do you know, that big nigger, he came out and says, 'Desdemona, where that handkerchief?' Desdemona she didn't say one word. That nigger says again, 'Desdemona, where that handkerchief?' Not a word from Desdemona. He says again, 'Desdemona.' Then I jumped right up in my seat and I says 'You black nigger, you wipe you' nose on you' coat-sleeve and let this play go on.'" So in the matter of criticism, I am going to take it out on Mr. Heineman and say he has not the right to criticise you, because I am dealing in stamps. I might mention incidentally that I have the largest collection of stamps of anybody in this room (laughter)—actually. I just asked this morning before I came over here and they said we had over fifteen million on hand at the present time. Can any of you beat that? Also I am delighted to see by the papers here that you don't give stamps away. As a matter of fact the highest price stamp in my collection is five dollars, and you have some at ten or fifteen here. That is encouraging the business too. I don't believe in doing business for nothing. We have to make some money on these to pay postmasters' salaries and so forth.

Well, this is a great business. The post office business is a great business. I think this is a very interesting study, and anything pertaining to the post-office department is of great interest to everyone, not only in the United States but in the world. When we think that this marvelous system which carries the mail is really the life-blood of commerce, everything pertaining to business, and also sentiment, the home, friends and everything else, it is a wonderful, wonderful business.

We have our trials in the post office. The other day a gentleman came to me with a very, very serious complaint. A lot of letters were missing that he knew had been sent to him. After talking with him a few minutes I sent out to see if by any possibility they were in the general delivery. My secretary came back and he said that the gentleman had left town a few weeks previously and had left a forwarding order, good until it was revoked, to have his mail sent to a club in another city, and he had forgotten to revoke it and his mail was in the other city. Last holiday time a lady came to see me. She said, "Mr. Warren, up here on Jefferson Avenue I mailed three postal cards a short time ago, and I have forgotten whether I put stamps on them. Would you please have some one go out and see if you can find those for me?" I took the lady out and showed her that we had in the vault 800,000 that were still unsorted, in big baskets. She looked around and said, "I have nothing more to say, Mr. Warren. I really don't think you ought to be asked to find those cards."

I am delighted to be here to greet you this morning. I understand that aside from serious business, you are here for pleasure and to have a good time. I have never heard it said nor even hinted or rumored that listening to me talk was a pleasure. Therefore I will give way and allow the serious business to go on, and later the pleasure which I hope you will find here. We have a beautiful city. I think you will find many ways of amusing yourselves here, on the river and lake and so forth, and I assure you that we wish you a very happy time; and if any of you find yourselves short of stamps, either the green ones perforated or any other kind of stamps, call on the postmaster. (Applause).

General Coolidge: Gentlemen, we have one more regret to offer you that the president of our Chamber of Commerce, who invited you last year to come here, has gone away on a fishing excursion with the rest of the city officials, and his secretary says that President Larned is unable to attend the opening session of the American Philatelic Society. If he were in Detroit I feel that he would be pleased to extend a welcome to the officers and members of your organization. But we also have another gentleman who will give us a few words, who is the director of this Museum of Art, and to whose kindness we are indebted for the hospitality which we enjoy. I wish to introduce to you Mr. Griffith, the Director of the Museum of Art. (Applause).

ADDRESS OF MR. A. H. GRIFFITH.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Members of the American Philatelic Society: I beg to assure you that on behalf of the trustees and officers of the Detroit Museum of Art, you are very welcome to this building. Our work here is devoted very largely not along the line of stamps, but along the line of every effort of human kind. I know nothing about stamps beyond that of putting them on letters and paying for them, but I realized some years ago that there was the germ, the beginning of the collector of pictures, of the collector of various other articles that prove valuable in a collection in a museum, that began with the boy or the girl who collected stamps. And the result of that was that we began then to save the stamps that came on foreign letters, to save all of the stamps that were at all odd, and we keep those in a box on my table. And whenever a boy or a girl comes in and asks, "Well, have you some stamps? Do you not have a foreign correspondence?" "Yes, quite a large one." "Do you save the stamps?" "Yes. There is a box. Now, go into that box, pick out anything that you see there that you have not, take it along with you. If you have two of something else, put one back for the next fellow." And I am very glad to say that we have a great many boys and girls who are collectors of stamps, and in that way we aid them in the Museum, and they aid us in return by the interest that they have secured in that one line of collecting alone. It is frequently very interesting to talk with those boys and girls, for the reason that I learn that

they know more about the geography and the rulers of the countries of which they have stamps than the average school pupil of their age, and it is simply because of their interest in the matter that they are collecting. Immediately a boy becomes a possessor of a certain stamp, he wants to know who the head represents, why it is there, and he wants to know something of the country, and in that way he becomes educated, you may say along a certain line, but the boy that begins in that way will do something more.

A short time ago a gentleman came to me, and he said, "My boy has a collection of coins, and he is constantly pestering me to buy more coins, and I don't know that I ought to encourage it. It is somewhat expensive, and I wonder whether it will ever do him any good or not." I said, "For heaven's sake, encourage that boy to the best of your ability. A boy who has no hobby, who has no vent for his energies, and for the go-ahead in him will be out on the street into some deviltry. Now, for goodness sake do everything that you can to encourage that boy in the collection of coins to the best of your ability, and while he is collecting coins and going over them in the evening day after day, he is certainly not doing anything that will cause you or him trouble, and he is securing a knowledge that will be valuable to him hereafter. By and by he will abandon it probably, but he will take up something else." And as a gentleman who is in your audience today said to me yesterday, "I am not willing to trust a man who has no hobby." And I believe that the man who has no hobby, or the boy who has no hobby, is bound to find an outlet for his energies in some other direction that will be everything else but agreeable.

So I welcome you people here as people not only having a hobby, but having something that is valuable, and I believe your meeting this week will result in a greater interest in stamp collectors among the younger people in this city than we have had for years. I welcome you all again and again, and the Museum is at your disposal. The people that are in the Museum have orders to look after you, tell you anything that they can, and if they cannot tell you, to find out for you. They will tell you that Boston is the Hub of the universe, but I tell you that Detroit is the center of the world, and if you don't believe it, go out in front of the Museum, and look up. I thank you. (Applause).

General Coolidge: Members, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Philatelic Society: Our array of speakers is getting thin, and it puts me in mind of a little story of the man at the Sanitarium, who had been a little off, thought he would like to go home. So he saw one of the attendants of the place, and he said to him, "I am cured, and they keep me here, and I don't see why these doctors keep me here. They keep me all the time, and I want to go home." I don't want you gentlemen to go home. I am not telling you this to cause you to go at present. We want you to wait until after the three days. But he kept urging the attendant, and finally the attendant said, "Well, why don't you write to the Superintendent of the Sanitarium and tell him you are cured and you want to go home?" So he said, "I will." He wrote off the letter, addressed the envelope, and then he took the postage stamp and he licked it and he stuck it as he thought down on the envelope, and it went down on the floor. It hit the back of a fly, who immediately commenced to crawl up the table, and he looked at the fly, and he edged off, and he said, "Not yet, not yet, I ain't cured." Now, gentlemen, we have got one man who has never been cured of postage stamps, and that is my friend Wolsieffer. I would like to see Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, up here. I want him to say just a few words. (Applause).

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I thank you gentlemen. It has been rumored that I was to do a little trick or tell a little funny story here before the Convention opened, but I want to assure you that the rumor is not true. Neither am I going to do a little trick, but I will admit that my little stunt is not officially on the program. Ladies and Gentleman, Mr. Chairman: I want to call your attention to the fact that the American Philatelic Society resem-

bles to a certain extent a huge machine. As you all know, machinery is composed of many parts, and that is one of the resemblances of the association to this machine that I have in mind. You have your Board of Directors, you have your officers, you have your Sales Superintendent, you have your various committees, and you have your Vice Presidents. You are familiar with the many parts that there are to this association. Now, there may be times, and there have been times when once in a while there is a little friction, and in order to make everything safe, we need a safety valve. That is where we resemble machinery again. Now, the safety valve in the estimation of a great many people is in the power that we invest in our presiding officer, and the power of the safety valve we have provided our worthy president of this convention. It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Chicago friends to present this safety valve to our honored president, Mr. Henry N. Mudge.

(Mr. Wolseiffer then presented Mr. Mudge, in behalf of the latter's Chicago friends, with a silver mounted ebony gavel. Applause.) In closing I just wish to say that I trust that Mr. Mudge will be able to run this convention and a great many other conventions without too vigorous a use of the safety valve, and I assure Mr. Mudge that his Chicago friends appreciate vastly the amount of labor that he has put in, and which probably the Chicago friends know a great deal about as well as his other friends all over the country. We trust that the coming year will give Mr. Mudge an easier time than he has had in the past year, and we all know it was quite a vigorous one. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen. (Applause).

President Henry N. Mudge: Gentlemen and Ladies: It is scarcely necessary to say that this is a complete surprise to me. It is somewhat in line, however, with P. M.'s characteristic little ways of apparently doing nothing, but being just the same very busy in his mind and accomplishing something in the end. I appreciate this token. It is possible that you have anticipated a little too much, but I trust not. I certainly shall prize it highly and I know I will prize it under the circumstances of this occasion, and I scarcely know how to express myself further than to say that I feel deeply the sentiment that resulted in this presentation. Now, General Coolidge, I want to say to you and your colleagues, and to the gentlemen who addressed us, that in behalf of the American Philatelic Society we thank you most cordially for your kind greetings and expressions of good will and hope for our pleasant and successful convention. We know that it could not be otherwise after such greetings.

General Coolidge: Before turning this convention over officially to our President, I have a telegram which I desire to read to the members:

"Convention of American Philatelic Society, Museum of Fine Arts, Jefferson Street, Detroit:—Greetings from Atlantic City. Hope meet in Chicago next year.—E. Doeblin."

When you came here your president asked me if I had a gavel. He said he could not control you unless he had something to (pounding on desk) with. I told him I would bring this down. It is a far reach from where this little gavel was made. It was a part of one of the masts of one of the Spanish ships which Dewey sunk in Manila Bay. This little gavel was made out of the mast, so I brought it down. I didn't know at that time that he was going to have such a splendid gavel. It is a hard hitter, and you better look out. I have the honor to introduce your President, Mr. H. N. Mudge. (Applause).

President Mudge then took the chair.

The Chair: Gentlemen, the twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society will please now open; the first business is the reading of the call. The call for the convention was read by the Secretary.

The Chair: The next business is that of the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. Chairman, the report of the Credential Committee will be read by Mr. Stone, who has very kindly acted as clerk.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then read by Mr. Stone.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your committee reports that they have examined and counted the ballots cast for the election of members of the Board of Directors, and that they find the result to be as follows:

Whole number of valid ballots cast.....	748
Henry N. Mudge, of Illinois, received.....	730
Dr. W. P. Wherry, of Nebraska, received.....	719
L. H. Kjellstedt, of Pennsylvania, received.....	716
Frederick R. Cornwall, of Missouri, received.....	713
Henry J. Crocker, of California, received.....	713
Gen. Charles A. Coolidge, of Michigan, received.....	708
Chester Myers, of Missouri, received.....	702
Adalbert Strauss, of Missouri, received	699
W. Hamilton Barnum, of Ohio, received.....	387

and the above named nine persons are hereby declared to have received the highest vote and to be elected as members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

The remaining votes cast were as follows:

Charles R. Morris, of the District of Columbia, had.....	386
Scattering votes	11
Rejected for various reasons	10

The vote on the question of the official journal resulted as follows:

No choice expressed	487
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News	261
American Philatelist	17
Redfield's Stamp Weekly	6
Philatelic Journal of America.....	1
Rejected for various reasons	10

The committee have also examined and approved proxies in favor of the following members:

P. M. Wolsieffer	50
Charles R. Morris	50
William C. Stone	46
Charles E. Severn	41
E. M. Carpenter	36
H. C. Crowell	35
C. F. Heyerman	34
I. R. Johnson	32
George W. Linn	31
H. A. Fowler	26
H. M. Clark	25
William Beukma	20
W. H. Barnum	16
L. C. Hassler	16
W. G. Saxton	11
Alvin Good	10
A. F. Van Order	7
W. O. Wylie	7
Charles Nast	6
F. J. Bescher	5

Howard Elliott, H. E. Deats, J. F. Sensow, H. A. Blackwell, J. A. Steinmetz, two each; A. R. Fernald, P. M. Mann, A. C. Stewart, G. K. Smith, John Kay, W. G. Whitaker, L. C. Whittaker, L. G. Quackenbush, H. L. Perkins, C. V. Webb, Percival Parrish, B. G. Green, C. W. Kissinger and F. E. Farnham, one each. The total number of proxies approved was 528, and there were 26 rejected on account of various causes, a large number of them being in favor of members of the Board of Directors who are not permitted to hold them.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chairman,
WILLIAM C. STONE,
H. C. CROWELL,
L. C. HASSLER,
C. F. HEYERMAN.

Mr. Stone: The Committee would like to have all proxies which have not been handed in as early as we can today, so we can report promptly tomorrow morning.

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Credentials Committee. What is your pleasure?

Mr. C. W. Kissinger: I move it be accepted.

Mr. Cornwall: I second the motion.

On being put to a vote by the chair, the motion prevailed. Thereupon the convention took a three minute recess.

The Chair: The next item is the reading of the minutes of the last convention.

Mr. Cornwall: I move that it be dispensed with, in view of the fact that they have been published.

This motion was seconded, and being put to a vote by the Chair, the motion prevailed.

The Chair: I wish to apologize to you all, gentlemen, for one or possibly many weaknesses that may occur in my presiding, but that weakness is in seeing so many of you at the hotel and being introduced, that I cannot remember all your names, although I never could forget your faces. So if I fail to recognize some of you by name, I wish you would kindly, if you have occasion to address the chair, please announce your name for the benefit of the reporters.

In view of the fact that the incoming Secretary, whatever else is done with them, has to compile the reports of the secretary, I have always felt that it was rather a handicap to that gentleman to receive from the outgoing secretary the matters all in a pile without having been able himself to keep track of them in a certain way, in the way the present secretary does at the time. I have, therefore, with the consent of our present secretary, suggested to Mr. Barnum that it might help his future work to sit here and keep track of things as they come, and he has consented to do so.

The next order of business, gentlemen, is the reading of the President's address. Thereupon the President read his address.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

August 16th, 1910.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society.

Greeting:—Our Society's staunch ship of state—for it is still staunch in spite of buffetings during the past year—although not to be made fast to the dock until August 31st, has, by the convening of this convention, completed its "Voyage No. 24." On me, its appointed master for the past twelve months, devolves the duty of reporting to you, the owners, any or all matters pertaining to the voyage that may be essential to a knowledge on your part of the performance of the ship, the profits of the venture and what may, in my estimation, seem to be essential for the successful achievement of future voyages.

In making such report, apologies are offered, if need be, for diverging from the usual custom of a philatelic description of the seas-navigated and of the attractions of the ports of call. In lieu, the pages of the good ship's log book will be closely scanned; to gather from them, if possible, a just estimate of the vessel's performance, and to consider from what is found therein suggestions bearing on a future efficiency.

In other words, to drop the figure, after having used my best endeavors during the past year in the interests of the Society, in which connection I tried, as far as possible, to keep generally informed on all phases of our organization, as I conceive I was expected to do, I have, after summing up the situation based on my knowledge of facts thus gained, been forced to the conclusion that an address on strictly business topics is the manner in which the future of A. P. S. can be best served at this time.

It can be easily demonstrated that the Society, notwithstanding the ineffectiveness of one of the most vital parts of its executive machinery, has really grown in strength, has made some little advance in usefulness and a great advance in stability. The latter because it has stood the test without demoralization of certain important matters going all wrong.

In the editorial columns of the second number of the Quarterly, and also in the third number, I gave the membership a little insight as to what was being accomplished by some of the committees; the first of which was written last February, and the other many weeks ago, and consequently were apropos at the time. It is not my purpose to go further into such matters, and thereby anticipate and lessen interest in the detail reports that will be presented in due course at this convention by the actual workers in the premises; but I bespeak for the reports careful attention, and the serious consideration of any recommendation that they may contain. But my particular object in mentioning the editorials is to remind you that shown therein were several items by which the claim is verified that we have made an advance in usefulness.

The so-called Catalogue of the United States Postage Stamps, to be known when published as "A Reference List of the Adhesive Postage Stamps of the United States," is undoubtedly an assured fact, but at such date in the future as is commensurate with the time necessary to compile such an important work. I recommend that the present committee on this work, which was created by resolution, be continued.

The publication of an Index of Philatelic Literature the Society has been committed to since the convention of 1902, and it now seems as if the matter was in shape for a speedy consummation. The Educational Committee, which was taken under the Society's wing at the Columbus Convention of 1908, has fully demonstrated during the past year that it is in efficient working order. Its report will show results in its peculiar line of endeavor, hence I recommend that it be continued in its present form of organization, as formulated at the Atlantic City Convention of 1909; with such modification as may be recommended in that committee's report.

Contrary to habit in late years, but in accordance with the law, the Treasurer, of his own initiative, has caused his summary of receipts and expenditures to be published monthly. From regular condensed statements received from the Board of Vice Presidents, it is noticed that at the time of this writing they had held their thirtieth regular meeting. These two little items are cited simply as illustrating the fact that, with a single exception, the Society's business has been closely and conscientiously looked after during the year as far as the various work has come under my observation.

Even in the matter of our much discussed and eagerly hoped for Quarterly Magazine, we have, I think, made a creditable beginning as far as the contents go of the three numbers that have been issued. We must, however, be grievously dis-

appointed at the delays that all but nullified what has been done, and that prevented the consummation of a complete volume on schedule time. Contributions came in for it of such character and in such manner that I am convinced that had it appeared regularly and on time there would have been manuscript to select from. Delay in issuing the first number was due entirely to the failure of the Secretary to properly attend to compiling and putting in to the hands of the printer the Atlantic City Convention matter, of which that number was entirely composed. The reason for this failure was publicly explained by the Secretary in No. 1003 of the Official Journal, and the blame properly assumed by him. I will simply add in this connection that during this and a subsequent vexatious delay, he was given no opportunity to forget the Quarterly for want of persistent prodding. The delay in issuing number two was due to the Secretary's failure to compile the membership lists, on which the book depended, and more concerning which will be said later. The literary matter for the second number was in type, and all manuscript for number three was in the hands of the printer, a long time before number two was issued; the latter being rushed out in short order after the lists were completed. In addition, at about the time number three was shaped up, provision was tentatively made for all manuscript for number four; encouragement having been given that a beginning could be made in it of the Reference List of the Adhesive Postage Stamps of the United States, and a first installment of the Index of Philatelic Literature. These last were not called for, however, as of course number two held succeeding numbers until too late for the last number before this convention.

I have taken pains to go into this matter, because a full explanation is due the members; to show that an earnest attempt has been made to carry out their will concerning the publication of a Quarterly; and to demonstrate, if possible, my sincere belief that there has been no individual, faction or influence that has tried to "kill" the Quarterly, as has been surmised in certain directions. Furthermore, number four of the Quarterly can yet be issued if the members here assembled so wish it, and Volume XXIII of the American Philatelist stand complete within the year from the legitimate date of its first number. There is on hand enough good material for a number about the size of the third. It can be issued on its present contract by about the first of September. By completing the four issues there is a possibility, but not a certainty, of its being allowed second class postage rates; in which case, as we now have a deposit at the Columbus Post Office of approximately \$130.00 that would be refunded, this fourth number would probably cost us nothing, with a possibility of its making something for us. Whether you wish the volume completed as outlined, or are content to let it stand at three numbers and begin over again on a new volume, is a question I submit for such action as you may see fit to take. My own idea is that it will be much to our future credit to have the first volume complete.

The year past has not been propitious for the publication of a Hand Book; neither are there prospects that the coming year will be; still, the theory of issuing such books is a good one, and the single number that has been put out in the name of the Society was not only most creditable, but cost us only \$47.18 net. It would seem a pity, therefore, to lose the proper power to make another essay should the right opportunity offer. Hence I recommend that a Hand Book Committee be continued on the list of Standing Committees, to operate under its creative resolution as amended at Atlantic City and shown on Page 54 of Vol. XXIII, No. 1 of The American Philatelist—the first number of the Quarterly. That resolution fully safeguards against premature action, while on the other hand it provides for action under proper conditions.

No formal action was taken at Atlantic City on the report of the Legislative Committee—the committee for attempting to remove the legal restrictions against publishing illustrations of United States Stamps. Hence it was a question whether

that committee automatically ceased to exist, or whether it might with propriety be given another year's trial. Assuming that it was ignored at the convention through oversight, and that on general principles a committee appointed to perform a special task is operative until that task is accomplished unless otherwise ordered, I assumed the responsibility of attempting to reorganize and set it in commission again along the line of the recommendation of the committee that worked so faithfully to get results in our fiscal year 1908-09. To that end I appointed Mr. Paul Mason chairman and Messrs. Geo. K. Smith, Jr., H. A. Whipple and Gordon Ireland as his colleagues, with one additional member still necessary to carry out the recommendation of the previous committee. This fifth member was to be from Washington, D. C., and possess peculiar qualifications. Although I used persistent effort for quite a while to find such a man, I was unsuccessful. Not only so, but in my efforts I was advised on good authority that the official sentiment at Washington was so utterly opposed to our proposition that it would be useless to prosecute it further. Hence I never completed that committee. On this account no criticism can be made of the gentlemen who were appointed for being an inactive committee, if the latter proves to be the fact. Unless strong cause is shown to the contrary, I recommend that the Legislative Committee be discharged with thanks for the earnest effort it has made during its existence to accomplish the purpose for which it was created.

In 1911 we achieve our 25th birthday, and the committee appointed to consider some fitting memorial for the occasion has reported, as directed to do, its conclusions to the Board of Directors. The latter has referred the report back to this convention with its hearty endorsement as to general plan; the plan in the main being that we hold an international competitive stamp exhibition under the auspices of the A. P. S. Personally, I cannot conceive of a more fitting way to celebrate our anniversary, and to take an advanced step in the interest of philately and of the prestige and usefulness of our Society. The plan as submitted involves a probable cash outlay of \$750.00, or more; and suggestions are made in the report as to where this money is to be obtained. In a broad way, however, if the enterprise is once engaged in, this Society must stand sponsor for all financial obligations. Hence, while it does not seem to me that we will be in position at this convention to go very deeply into the matter of specific sums, some provision of an elastic nature should be made by which the Board of Directors will be able to cope with the requirements. On the assumption that the convention of 1911 is held in Chicago, attention is called to the fact that with the proposed "Chicago Day" the A. P. S. convention would extend through Friday; a feature which would probably be most agreeable.

The last convention refused an appropriation for the Librarian to purchase books for our library. In a recent letter from the Assistant Librarian he urges the purchase of Vols. 13 to 16 of the London Philatelist, and the "Gibbons Book on U. S. Postal Issues;" saying that the London Society has donated to us Vols. 10, 11 and 12 of the London Philatelist, and offers us the other volumes mentioned, of which only a few sets remain, at ten shillings each unbound, or 17 shillings bound. He adds that the International Secretary, Mr. Kjellstedt, advises this purchase. Unless the question of a general appropriation for the purpose of purchasing books should be brought up in another connection, I would recommend that authority be given for this specific purchase, said authority to also include two additional volumes recommended by the International Secretary in his report; the amount involved for the seven books being about \$25.00.

I would be exceedingly remiss in my duty did I not call your attention to the fact that in financial matters we are at a point where our future prosperity gravely depends upon our conservatism and the application of sound business principles in our legislation. As was reported at the Atlantic City Convention, the expenditures for the fiscal year 1908-09 were \$436.00 in excess of our general fund income for the same period; which fact is no reflection on the administration of that year. As

soon as possible during the present year that deficit was credited back to the fund from which it was borrowed. At the time of writing this report the Treasurer was unable to give me final balances, as he had not received all warrants and credits known to be due, but from a general knowledge I have of some of them I estimate roughly that the deficit this year will be in excess of that of last year. In other words, we have been spending for the last two years in excess of our general income by some hundreds of dollars; which was obligatory on the administrations of that period under our laws and convention votes.

We cannot, and do not want to, spend the stock fund for current expenses. The latter, as is known, includes the cost of our Quarterly and the Official Journal, which have hitherto constituted our largest items. The stock fund is not only a liability, and, being a capital stock one that it is necessary should be kept as an asset in tangible form, but it is the most valued asset the Society has as an evidence of its stability; in that we have in it the starting of a sinking fund, the income from which will in time materially aid in our current expenses, in carrying out projects for the advancement of Philately or for bridging over any unusual decline in the membership. For twenty-four years these features in regard to the stock fund have been understood and guarded by the membership as a whole. I mention them now for the information of those by whom the matter has not been understood, and for the bearing it has on any consideration of new financial matters at this convention.

With what I have said about the yearly expenses in mind, I beg to touch on the following as having a direct application thereto. I refer to the questions of reducing our annual dues and of publishing our own Official Journal in consequence of the Post Office ruling that the subscription price of such Journal must be divorced from the dues. I can see no way by which every member can be assured of receiving the official notices of the Society except by our publishing an official circular of our own. But we are in no shape to begin such an enterprise next year, and it is not a necessity that we do. Such circular, however, I fully believe in, and that it should be weekly; also that from it something more pretentious may develop when the time is ripe in the future. Our old Official Journal has offered to print our official matter for us free as news, and I believe it but a matter of time before other reputable papers will be glad to do the same. Hence, I would suggest that during the coming year we try to work up to a weekly circular, beginning with our fiscal year 1911-12; and that, as a temporary matter, we eliminate from our By-Laws that portion of Article IX, Section 1, that says that the Official Journal shall be sent to all members regularly, and that which follows that does not pertain to present conditions. This is a forward step when by it we accomplish a saving of money that is much needed to make us financially above reproach. While there would be some who in consequence would not see the official matter, I am satisfied that the number would be very small.

As to the dues, I am firmly of the opinion that ten cents per month, or \$1.20 per year, is little enough. A member, who, in view of all the good that can be said of the A. P. S. would object to paying that sum because for it he was not going to get a free subscription to a paper, is one who has not, to my mind, the highest conception of what it means to be a member of our organization.

From certain things I have outlined, the situation sums itself up in my mind briefly as follows: It is our bounden duty to stop the habit of living beyond our means, and to replenish our general fund. Our stock and insurance funds are in good condition. We should start with renewed energy on the Quarterly; for I am convinced it can be maintained as a most creditable publication, and one in which we will all take pride. Aside from financial reasons, we are not sufficiently experienced in the publishing business as yet to venture on a more frequent issue than a Quarterly. Furthermore, I believe that our Quarterly can be placed on a self-sustaining basis by a vigorous campaign for advertisements. Finally, we should make

it our duty in the coming year to really honor our 25th Anniversary. Especially as our committee has pointed out a way in which it can be done with credit to the Society and as a benefit to Philately.

To accomplish these three purposes involves a considerable amount of money in two instances, and possibly some in the third. This money is almost wholly dependent on our saving the large amount that we have hitherto expended for an official journal, in our adhering to our present rate of dues, to a careful management of all avenues of expenditures and receipts, and to the conserving of our membership.

And now I come to a most disagreeable subject, that of the almost utter demoralization of the Secretary's office during the past year. Complaints have been practically ceaseless of neglect of correspondence, failure to receive membership cards and stock certificates, and delay in the Quarterlies, particularly that involving the membership list. From practically the beginning of my term of office I was called on to prod the Secretary for this or that; but knowing of his illness immediately after the Atlantic City convention, and being advised by him of difficulties he was having in his business affairs, I naturally assumed that the trouble would be temporary, especially as there were indications in his correspondence with me of good intent. Early in November, however, I was forced to a realization as to how matters stood, on my being advised by the Treasurer that the Secretary had made no membership reports to him. I immediately wrote the Secretary a no uncertain letter appropriate to the occasion. At about that time I started for Central America, and during my absence the acting President, Mr. Cornwall, followed the matter up, so that on my return home, early in January, the advice reached me from the Treasurer that the membership report had been received. It soon developed, however, that contrary to the understanding of the Treasurer, this list was far from complete. It was at that point that the Treasurer was subject to much adverse criticism, which, it will now be seen was entirely undeserved, he being made a victim of the Secretary's lagging. From that stage on until July I instructed, pleaded, and threatened in an effort to have the reports brought up to date; and, incidentally, to have proper attention given to other matters of miscellaneous character. I even brought in to the struggle certain personal aid, the combined effort producing some results. While the latter were considerable in volume, they were at exasperating intervals; and finally there were evidences of a cessation of satisfactory results. Feeling that matters were at a crisis, I sent Mr. Iver R. Johnson, of Chicago, to Columbus as my personal representative to see that the Society's affairs pertaining to the Secretary's office were straightened out, if such was possible. He made two visits to Columbus, in which, on time donated to the Society, he devoted thirteen days all told to persistent hard work in straightening out, with the help of the Secretary, the dire confusion of the latter's office. From all possible evidence obtainable, he completed and reported to the Treasurer the membership list up to July 1st, and he sent out several hundred membership cards, and such signed stock certificates as he found had not been forwarded. He thus released the second Quarterly, and aided the expedition of it and the following number through the press. From what I have been advised as to the confusion found, I am satisfied that without Mr. Johnson, or his exact counterpart in tenacity of purpose and faculty for reaching the personality of the Secretary, matters never could have been straightened out as well as they have been; and I do not hesitate to say that in my opinion the Society owes him a large debt of gratitude.

The reason for the demoralization of the Society's affairs on the part of the Secretary I am unable to satisfactorily explain. Undoubtedly the volume and confused state of the general work affected the proper forwarding of the membership reports and vice versa; each having an influence on the other. I am of the opinion that matters got beyond the Secretary's control before he himself realized it, and

that while at times he made heroic efforts to catch up and keep up, his training and temperament as to methods of close application, and some extraneous conditions, prevented the necessary results. I have also been reluctantly forced to the belief that at times he was unwarrantably negligent. This, notwithstanding the fact that I do not believe he at any time really desired otherwise than to do his duty by the Society. I can not defend him, and have been unable to do so for some time, but think it only just to add the following on the other side: There were undoubtedly times when he experienced certain misfortunes beyond his control that affected his efficiency. It is also possible that he inherited a system of keeping the Society's records that were a handicap to him in view of the fact that he evidently did not have the acumen, or the disposition, to systematize and bring them up to date; which feature will shortly be referred to again.

It may be asked why, in view of the conditions that have been outlined, the Secretary's resignation was not demanded and some one put in his place who could do the work. Simply for the reason that in my estimation the Secretary's affairs were so mixed up that he alone could come the nearest to untangling them; and that by allowing him to make the attempt the Society would gain more in the end than would be the case were a change made. As I have stated, I kept getting some results, and not until just before I sent Mr. Johnson to Columbus had I any reason to believe he was not trying to straighten things out; and even now I am of the opinion that he apparently ceased in his efforts because he himself could not find out where he stood. Under such conditions it will be manifest that, however willing he would have been, he could not have turned over to a successor the necessary data that was developed by the joint sessions of my personal representative and himself. In thus exercising the executive prerogative of my office solely for what I considered the Society's greatest good in the end, I personally assume all responsibility, and am of the opinion that the results verify the wisdom of my judgment in the matter.

To return to my allusion to the record system in the Secretary's office, I quote in full a letter on the subject, which is self-explanatory:

"2214 No. Rockwell St., Chicago, August 3rd, 1910.

H. N. Mudge, President American Philatelic Society, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—During the examination of the records of the Secretary's office of the American Philatelic Society as your personal representative, I was dumbfounded at the lack of system the Society had in the management of its affairs. This was not due to the particular neglect of any one Secretary, but was the culmination of the experience of years in addition to the extraordinary growth of the Society in recent years.

Having outgrown the system that was put into practice years ago, I respectfully recommend the following changes and additions, which will put the affairs of the Secretary's office on a sound substantial basis for all time, and will be in keeping with the size and importance of the Society.

FIRST: A UNIFORM SIZE APPLICATION BLANK is absolutely necessary. In the past the various Recruiting Committees have arranged their application blanks as to size and typography to suit their own fancy or needs in having their booklets printed. This has caused confusion and needless work for the Secretary in recording and preserving them, thereby adding unnecessary labor to the conduct of the office.

SECOND: A CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT not exceeding \$100.00 should be in the hands of the Secretary, from which fund can be taken the money needed to pay postage and other lawful expenses. The Current Expense Account should be reimbursed on the first of each month by warrant on the General Fund to the extent of the disbursements therefrom during the preceding month, so that on the first of each month it will always equal the amount originally appropriated. As the Secretary's term of office expires August 31st of each year, he would be required to account for the full amount of the Current Expense Account as he received it.

THIRD: A SUSPENSE ACCOUNT should be established by the Treasurer in which all moneys received for other than current accounts should be credited. This is necessary, as many members pay several years' dues at one time, and others inadvertently pay twice for one year. At the beginning of each fiscal year the Treasurer should charge the suspense account with one year's dues for each member having credit therein to that extent, or collect the difference deficit. By use of this method the Treasurer's register will always show only those who are fully paid for the current year's dues, all partial or over payments being carried in the suspense account. If this plan were followed a quick and accurate audit could be had at any time and the collection of money due the Society easily made.

FOURTH: A DUPLICATE FORM RECORD BOOK should be established, one to be kept by the Secretary and one by the President, wherein should be securely fixed a duplicate of each form of printed matter that is used by any officer to whom is delegated any executive or other power. All such blanks or forms should have printed on them in a noticeable place "Form approved by Board of Directors"—date to follow; said approval to apply to the necessity of issuing and to form, and also to subject matter except as otherwise provided in the By-laws. The reason for this latter is that I found so much "dead" printing in the shape of notifying blanks, report blanks, etc., that represented former secretaries' ideas as to the proper conduct of things and which would not agree with subsequent secretaries' ideas. If it were necessary to have all blanks and forms approved before publication all waste would automatically cease, and a uniform system of working be established to the end that anybody with ordinary sense could use and apply all forms.

FIFTH: A SET OF PERMANENT LEDGERS comprising several volumes for members in good standing, as well as several volumes for those stock holders no longer members of the Society, should be opened for the next Secretary. Each page should represent a stockholder, and should have all data regarding his application and admission into the Society clearly set forth in a space provided at the top of the page. Below this should be ruled spaces to take care of the annual payment of dues, or the date of suspension, or reinstatement. This is absolutely necessary if you ever expect to issue No. 2 of the Quarterly on time. Beyond a mere type-written copy of his monthly report to the Treasurer the Secretary has no record in any form from which he can prepare a suspension list as provided by law. Without an accurate suspension list the membership list (net) cannot be made out, hence a delayed or non-appearance of all number two's of the Quarterly. Under our law all regular members are required to pay their dues to the Treasurer, who reports such payments to the Secretary, the latter in turn being required to issue a membership card. Under the present system the cards are issued, and other than making a check mark opposite the member's name in the year book containing the list of names, no record is kept in the Secretary's office of the transaction. In case of fire or accidental destruction of the Treasurer's records the Society would be unable to replace them, nor would they ever be able to definitely know their financial standing.

SIXTH: ABOLISH THE PRESENT FORM OF MEMBERSHIP CARD. In its place should be issued a permanent card having printed thereon the following:

"This card is evidence of membership only when a receipt can be shown for dues paid to August 31st of the current fiscal year."

The reason for abolishing the present card is that there is no way of keeping track of the cards or what they represent once they are issued. The way I found out that over 480 cards had not been issued was due to the fact that I noticed so many blanks on hand and therefore knew that some were still to be issued. The remedy will be found in the following recommendation:

SEVENTH: A NEW FORM OF RECEIPT FOR DUES should be prepared to work in harmony with Recommendations FIFTH and SIXTH. This receipt should

be in stub duplicate form and should show the date, name of member, address, stock certificate number, serial number of receipt, the amount of dues paid, the amount of reinstatement paid, subscription to stock fund, and also show the expiry of the receipt.

With a receipt like this every member will know just what he has paid for and when he has to pay again, thus simplifying the work of both Secretary and Treasurer.

But there is another advantage that makes it desirable, and that is its great aid in being used as a day book by the Secretary for posting into the ledger suggested above. When the Secretary receives a report of dues received by the Treasurer, he should make out the receipts and stubs and from the stub post to the ledger. Thus every transaction is recorded and a record made for auditing purposes. Under the present system the Secretary has no books or anything to audit. His records are in the form of scraps of paper, some of which have been lost and are impossible of replacement. To attempt to audit records of this kind would mean that no complete report could be made, hence the need for a change.

EIGHTH: A BLANK FORM IN DUPLICATE (BOUND) should be provided for the Treasurer and used to notify the Secretary of the names and numbers of the members from whom he has received dues. This will make a permanent record and can be easily audited. Under the present system any old piece of paper that is handy is used. Naturally methods of this kind can only lead to confusion.

In reading these recommendations you have perhaps asked yourself "Have we no system left in the Secretary's office?" The answer is, but very little remains; not enough to shed a tear over.

It behooves us to establish a foundation NOW so strong and solid that it will be impossible to dislodge it without causing an upheaval in our Society.

We have experienced an unpleasant year; we have located a part of the causes therefor, and if we allow the same conditions to prevail any longer we can only expect SIMILAR results.

In this connection I am reminded that in a previous report I should have expressed my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by Dr. Wherry, our Treasurer, in providing promptly and accurately, on very short notice, the reports necessary for the prosecution of the work which took me to Columbus. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) IVER R. JOHNSON."

I consider the points made in this letter worthy of serious attention, and shall add another item to the writer's recommendations when they are brought before the By-laws Committee for consideration.

I have simply to say in conclusion, with a return to our figuration, that I have made you my report in the blunt fashion of a sea captain explaining the entries of my log book. As the indications are that I will be re-engaged for "Voyage No. 25" of our ship of state, I await your sailing instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. MUDGE, President.

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. Chairman, I move that the report be accepted.

This motion was duly seconded.

The Chair: If there are no objections it will so stand, with portions of it assigned as follows: The parts referring to U. S. Catalogue, the Educational Committee, the quarterly, the handbook and Legislative Committee, and also the Twenty-fifth Anniversary, unless the report of that committee when read is otherwise referred, all that is to be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The portion pertaining to the purchase of books is referred to the Committee on Library. The portion referring to the elimination of Article 9, Section 1 of the By-laws, and to the subject matter of Mr. Johnson's letter will be referred to the Committee on By-

laws, and in that connection I would like to have Mr. Johnson and the Secretary elect, at the beginning of that meeting of the By-laws Committee, meet in consultation with that Committee. If there are no objections, the report will so stand as accepted with those assignments.

General Coolidge: Would it be proper at this time for the Society to give a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson for his efficient services?

The Chair: It would be proper.

General Coolidge: I would then offer the resolution that this Society give a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson for his efficient and valuable services in straightening out the office of our secretary.

This motion, being duly seconded, was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

The Chair: The next in order is the appointment of committees, and I announce the following:

Finance: Mr. W. G. Saxton, Chairman; Iver R. Johnson, Charles R. Morris.

Library: George W. Linn, Chairman; E. L. Fischer, Percy Mc. G. Mann.

Sales Department: E. T. Parker, Chairman; C. W. Kissinger, S. B. Hopkins.

Branch Societies: General C. A. Coolidge, Chairman; Paul Mason, Hugh M. Clark.

Resolutions: F. R. Cornwall, Chairman; E. M. Carpenter, Alvin Good.

Next Convention: Henry Ades Fowler, Chairman; W. H. Barnum, H. C. Beck.

By-laws: H. N. Mudge, Ex-Officio, W. C. Stone, Dr. W. P. Wherry, Chester Myers, L. G. Quackenbush.

I would like to see the chairmen of these committees for a moment at the close of this session, and I would also like to ask each of the chairmen to kindly try and bear in mind,—make a note of it if necessary—the reports and anything which may be referred to them. There was some confusion in keeping track of them last year, which we wish to try and avoid if possible this year.

The next in order are the reports of officers. I see that we are slated to begin promptly at 1:30, and I foresee, gentlemen, that in all future meetings, we will have to begin promptly. It is now a quarter past twelve, and I doubt exceedingly whether it will be wise to go any further this morning, to begin on anything further, but the matter is in your hands. We must be back here at 1:30 sharp. It is now a quarter past twelve.

General Coolidge: I move that we take a recess until half past one.

This motion being supported was put to a vote and the motion prevailed.

AFTERNOON SESSION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1910.

The convention was called to order at 1:30 by President Mudge.

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the proceedings are practically formal in the way of reading reports, I move that we dispense with the presence of the Secretary, who is not now present, for the time being, and proceed with the business before us, or appoint a temporary secretary.

The Chair: Mr. Quackenbush, will you serve as the temporary secretary? We don't need to put that to a vote. I think the suggestion is an excellent one.

(Mr. Quackenbush acts as temporary secretary.)

The Chair: The next in order is the reading of the Vice President's report.

The Vice President's report was read by Mr. Cornwall.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICE PRESIDENTS.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Your Board of Vice Presidents held its first meeting on September 9, 1909, F. R. Cornwall being elected Chairman, and Chester Myers, Clerk. It has been our effort to hold meetings at noon on Tuesdays of each week, and this has been done except when prevented by the absence of members from the city. A feature of our organi-

zation, which we can recommend to our successors, is the keeping of minutes, copies of which are sent each week to the President, Secretary and Sales Superintendent, respectively, for their information and instruction. Each new matter presented for the Board's consideration is given a file number, and these are referred to in the transaction of old business, which is usually disposed of before new business is taken up. In this way it is possible to keep a check on the business transacted, so that there is little chance of matters not receiving attention.

A matter which cannot be brought too forcibly to the attention of our members is the fact that its Board of Vice Presidents is not a collection agency, its powers being limited by the by-laws. Charges brought by one member against another, under Section 2 of Article II must be supported by an affidavit. These two features are perhaps more frequently observed in the breach than in any other way. Indeed, it is seldom that a charge is properly presented against a member in the first instance in which we can take jurisdiction.

Members should also seriously weigh the nature and character of their charges before bringing them. In some instances, charges have been preferred which, in themselves, are of such a trifling nature as to clearly indicate that the member making them had a desire to vent his personal spleen; or, to put it in the language of the day, get even. Unfortunately, there have been some charges of a more serious nature, and we have submitted such charges to the Board of Directors, with the result that members have been expelled. We only resort to this when duty indicates such a course, our effort being to amicably settle all differences, or to less harshly discipline a member, should occasion require.

Perhaps the greatest of our troubles has been claims for substitution. The "substitutor" is an individual, so elusive and unnameable as to be known only by the trail of his secret larceny. He is too cowardly and contemptible to work in the presence of others, but carries on his pestiferous calling when in communion with himself. A "substitutor," in plain English, is a thief—not of the common or garden variety, but an individual of an extraordinary mental development, who, perhaps, argues that stealing of this character is justified because the probabilities of being caught are small. Complaints concerning substitution in our Sales Department have been of such frequent occurrence, and the demands made upon your Insurance Fund have been so heavy, that if the prevailing practice continues, the Insurance Fund will be wiped out of existence, or the exchange of stamps between members will be surrounded by such conditions as to make this feature of our Society repugnant to those who have stamps to offer.

As matters stand, members state they will refuse to place their stamps in the Sales Department if not covered by insurance against substitution; and yet, notwithstanding this protection, they complain of the necessity of having to so mark each space as to identify their stamps. As for the substitutor, he only smiles to himself and calls for more circuits. It is truly a case of thieves stepping in where honest men fear to tread.

By considerable correspondence with Sales Superintendents, present and past, and others whose experience led us to seek their advice, we practically came to the conclusion that it was impossible to stop this form of speculation. We did, however, formulate rules concerning the marking of stamps placed in circuit books so that we would have evidence of stamp originally occupying the space, and required all claims for substitution exceeding two dollars to be supported by affidavit setting forth, among other facts, that the substitution occurred while the book was in the possession of the Society.

To give a history of substitutions: We are informed by Mr. Wolsieffer that during his administration the aggregate total of claims for any one year never exceeded ten dollars. It was on the strength of this showing that the premium for insurance was reduced from one per cent to one-half of one per cent. The present

Sales Superintendent has inaugurated a system of branch managers, and whether the increase in substitutions is the result of thus losing direct control of the circuits is a question which we cannot answer. If the system of branch managers is responsible, directly or indirectly, for the increase of this abuse, it should be changed. Under the old system, where the Sales Superintendent had direct control of the circuits, substitutions were few and far between. Under the present system, they are on the increase. According to the 1908 year book, the warrants drawn on the Treasurer show that only two claims for substitution were made, aggregating \$5.95. According to the 1909 year book, twenty-two warrants were drawn on the Treasurer for substitution, aggregating \$39.22. Nor does this represent all. Our predecessors recommended to us the payment of other claims for substitutions, aggregating \$26.63, these claims having been investigated and found to be just by the old Board. We had no alternative than to authorize the issuance of warrants, so that the 1909 year book, if the old Board had authorized the issuance of the warrants, as it should have done, would have shown that the aggregate amount paid out of the insurance fund for the years 1908-1909 was \$65.85. The claims for substitutions presented to us, and for which we have authorized the issuance of warrants for payment out of the Insurance Fund have aggregated \$106.55, less the heritage of \$26.63 from the old Board, leaving a total of \$79.92 for substitution claims originating during our jurisdiction.

We append hereto a list of warrants which we authorized the Secretary to draw against the Treasurer:

From Insurance Fund, for Substitutions.

Sept.	28, 1909	D. F. Wheless	\$26.63 (Old Board)
Sept.	28, 1909	F. W. Pickard	7.04
Sept.	28, 1909	Edward Christiansen	1.38
Sept.	28, 1909	D. F. Wheless	3.70
Oct.	4, 1909	W. H. Bruce .....	.60
Oct.	4, 1909	F. W. Pickard	9.18
Nov.	2, 1909	H. W. Legg .....	.77
Dec.	21, 1909	H. W. Legg .....	.88
Dec.	28, 1909	E. C. Dodd	11.05
Dec.	28, 1909	Homer Collins .....	.79
Jan.	18, 1910	B. V. Jenkins	2.95
Feb.	11, 1910	Edward Christiansen	1.00
Feb.	11, 1910	H. D. Watson	1.10
Feb.	11, 1910	E. Tamsen .....	.66
Feb.	11, 1910	Percival Parrish	6.57
March	1, 1910	Frank Tessier .....	.66
April	6, 1910	D. F. Wheless	9.14
May	24, 1910	A. W. Batchelder	1.50
May	24, 1910	B. V. Jenkins	3.50
May	24, 1910	N. W. Chandler	2.19
June	7, 1910	E. C. Dodd	3.08
June	14, 1910	D. F. Wheless	5.52

From Insurance Fund, for Loss of Stamps.

Jan.	18, 1910	Fred Hagen	\$21.40 (Old Board)
April	19, 1909	Herbert Clark	3.80 (Old Board)

Max H. Sanborn Lost Circuit.

Nov.	2, 1909	A. Yarmedji	\$ 8.65
Nov.	2, 1909	W. S. Aldrich	98.72

Nov.	2, 1909	Dr. Homer Collins	40.19
Nov.	2, 1909	A. W. Batchelder	50.72
Nov.	2, 1909	J. M. Bartels	18.41

From General Fund.

Oct.	12, 1909	Attorney's fees in Sanborn matter, authorized by Old Board	25.00
Oct.	19, 1909	Hann & Adair Printing Co., for Board's stationery	4.35

Before concluding, we will say that we have given the question of substitutions serious consideration, and in this connection we wish to extend to Mr. Percival Parrish, the present Sales Superintendent, our thanks for his suggestions, efforts and assistance in trying to unquestionably place the guilt of substitution against an offending member. Mr. Parrish suggested the idea of sending out decoy circuits, and had detailed information in the way of description, etc., made at some expense, for the purpose of checking up such decoy circuits when returned. The present Chairman of your Board of Vice Presidents offered to and did assist conjointly with Mr. Parrish in defraying the expenses connected with the detailed description of these decoy circuits. As yet these circuits have not been returned, and it is impossible to say just what the result will be. They have been circulated where substitutions have been most flagrant. If a member is caught substituting, and, in all probability, the offenders have been lulled into a sense of security in the belief that our hands were tied and that it was impossible to locate them, the matter will be submitted to the Board of Directors for vote on expulsion. Heretofore we have felt helpless, but with these decoy circuits in circulation it is possible by the system which Mr. Parrish has inaugurated for keeping track of the circuits and the stamps removed therefrom, to locate the offender, together with the day and date when the substitution was effected, as the information we have and the check which is being kept will detect absolutely any substitutions in these particular circuits.

Unfortunately, the by-laws do not authorize the payment of any sum for the purpose of detecting substitutions or for offering a reward in case a substitution is detected and the offender convicted. We therefore recommend that the Board of Vice Presidents be authorized to expend from the Insurance Fund not more than \$100.00 to be used for such purposes as they deem fit and proper to detect and convict substitutors.

Another heritage from the old Board was the Sanborn lost circuit claim. It appears that Sanborn was a minor and received a circuit having a net value of \$268.54. This circuit was never returned by Sanborn, and the services of an attorney in Washington, D. C. were employed to recover the amount from the guarantors. Being unable to do this, our predecessors were compelled to accept a lot of stamps from Sanborn in settlement of this claim. These stamps were accepted and turned over to us in a loose state in an envelope. Through the kindness of Mr. Chester Myers they were mounted in A. P. S. sales books, and are now being circulated through the Sales Department. The Society will possibly realize from these and substituted stamps which have also been placed in A. P. S. sales books, about \$200.00 net.

The Sales Superintendent kindly waived his commission for selling the Sanborn stamps, and as his commission is paid on substituted stamps, the entire amount received from the sale of stamps in these books will belong to the Society, to be placed in the Insurance Fund.

We have also authorized the Secretary to draw warrants on the Treasurer for \$25.00, attorney's fees in the Sanborn matter, and for \$4.35 towards stationery. These two amounts were paid from the General Fund.

There are several claims against the Insurance Fund for lost stamps which came to us through our predecessors, and which we have been unable to settle for lack of exact information. It appears that the old files are incomplete, but we have endeavored to ascertain whether or not these claims are just, and these may be said to be still pending. We refer to the claims of Messrs. R. E. Smith, Robert Hughes and J. M. Hunnewell.

During our administration, objections have been made to the admission of seven applications for membership. We have carefully investigated these objections, and in four instances suggested to the applicants that their applications be withdrawn. In another case, the objections came to us too late, the Secretary having issued the membership card before we received the objections. The two remaining cases are still under investigation at the time of this writing.

During our administration charges have been received against twenty-eight members. Of these, two have been expelled by the action of the Board of Directors. Charges have been dismissed in four instances. Settlements have been effected in six cases, and in the remaining cases charges have either not been supported by affidavit, as required, have been withdrawn, or are now under investigation.

Three resignations have been submitted for our action: One was occasioned by unsatisfactory results in the Sales Department; another because a member did not want to remain in our Society where unjust charges had been preferred against him by another member, and which charges it is only fair to say were dismissed by us before the resignation was accepted; the third was not a member in good standing, but handed in his resignation when charges were preferred against him, which charges we could not investigate.

During our administration, two members having books in circulation in the Sales Department have died intestate. To avoid expenses incident to securing letters of administration, we have, after full investigation, authorized the Sales Superintendent to make settlement with the heirs of the deceased.

During our administration, five branch societies have been organized or have received their charters, to-wit, Milwaukee Branch No. 24, Philippine Branch, Los Angeles and Southern California Branch and Saginaw Stamp Club Branch.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden and the Hert's Philatelic Society of London, England, have been elected to honorary membership.

During the year your Board of Vice Presidents has expended \$13.50 for postage and \$1.32 for expressage and telegrams, and requests that a warrant be issued to its chairman for \$14.82.

Your Board has been handicapped by the non-co-operation of our Secretary, due to absence, illness or neglect, in many important matters. Requests for information have more frequently been ignored than answered. On several occasions we have been called upon to explain the status of claims for substitutions, the payment of which had previously been authorized by us but the warrants had never emanated from the Secretary's office.

Respectfully,

F. R. CORNWALL, Chairman,

CHESTER MYERS, Clerk,

A. STRAUSS,

Board of Vice Presidents.

Mr. Morris: Mr. Cornwall, in his report, does not mention the District of Columbia Branch having received its charter during their term of office. We received it this last year.

Mr. Cornwall: Was it last year?

Mr. Morris: Yes.

The Chair: I was also going to say for the information of members here that the Spokane Branch was chartered last May, but I don't think it is the fault of the

Vice Presidents that they were unable to report that fact. But I certified to the unanimous granting of that charter on May 23rd or 28th last; one of those things that got no further. That should, however, be covered by the Secretary's report, Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris: All right. I thought perhaps Mr. Cornwall would like to have it in their report.

Mr. Cornwall: I would like to have it in the official report. I will accept that correction. Thank you very much. In compliance with the by-laws, we have here the report of the Sales Superintendent, and your Board of Vice Presidents has appointed an auditing committee in Philadelphia to go over the books of the Sales Superintendent, and the auditing committee has reported that they have looked into all these accounts carefully and certify that they are entirely correct and in accordance with the report to us as submitted to you for the year by Mr. Percival Parrish. As Mr. Parrish is here, I think it is no more than right and proper that he be called upon to read his report.

The Chair: This report is a part of the Vice Presidents' report, gentlemen.

Report of Sales Superintendent read by Mr. Parrish.

REPORT OF THE SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Philadelphia, July 1, 1910

To the Board of Vice Presidents, American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to tender herewith my annual report of the Sales Department for the year ending July 1, 1910.

The total sales for the year have amounted to \$8,729.00. Remittances have been received by months as follows:

Cash received in July, 1909	\$ 903.87
Cash received in August	573.70
Cash received in September	615.27
Cash received in October	526.90
Cash received in November	632.14
Cash received in December	547.44
Cash received in January, 1910	777.89
Cash received in February	825.25
Cash received in March	696.64
Cash received in April	852.10
Cash received in May	755.80
Cash received in June	1,022.00
Total	<u>\$8,729.00</u>

The branch system has been progressing very satisfactorily. The total sales for the year from the Branches have amounted to \$4,771.65. These Branch managers have been compensated for their work by a commission of 2½% on the sales made through their respective Branches, said commission to come out of the general commission paid the Sales Superintendent. In addition to the above cash compensation, the Superintendent offered prizes in stamps for the four best results: 1st, \$10, 2nd, \$5, 3rd, \$3, 4th, \$2; Scott's catalogue value according to want-list of the 19th Century. It has been a great pleasure to award the prizes as follows:

1st John W. Haseltine, of Philadelphia.....	\$1,249.22
2nd Don R. Bennett, of Detroit.....	777.35
3rd Charles R. Morris, of Washington.....	666.79
4th L. A. Van Toor, of Milwaukee	352.92

In paying the cash commission to the Branch Managers, a minimum of \$200 for the year's work was set, so that a man undertaking the work would be more apt to

continue seriously if there was some sort of a minimum amount required. It was also thought that competitive interest would be stimulated by additional prizes in stamps.

The results secured by the Branch Managers during the year ending June 30th, 1910, have been as follows:

(1)	J. W. Haseltine, Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$1,249.22
(2)	Don R. Bennett, Detroit, Mich.....	777.35
(3)	Charles R. Morris, Washington, D. C.....	666.79
(4)	L. A. Van Toor, Milwaukee, Wis.....	352.92
(5)	J. F. Rust and H. C. Crowell, Cleveland, O.....	278.21
(6)	W. C. Emery, Springfield, Mass.....	252.82
(7)	T. C. Mann, St. Louis, Mo.....	252.36
(8)	Theo. Siddall, Manila, P. I.....	172.56
(9)	Geo. B. Graham, Buffalo, N. Y.....	152.21
(10)	A. W. Dunning and J. H. Lyons, Boston, Mass.....	133.18
(11)	Ross O'Shaughnessy, San Francisco, Cal.....	124.30
(12)	Geo. W. Linn, Columbus, O.....	98.76
(13)	W. O. Staab, Milwaukee, Wis.....	71.21
(14)	Max Wenzel, Pittsburg, Pa.....	56.74
(15)	Fred. Doughty, Saginaw, Mich.....	53.70
(16)	E. J. Crawford, Fresno, Cal.....	40.31
(17)	Harrie Mueller, Wichita, Kas.....	39.01

Total\$4,771.65

There is one matter which has been giving the Department serious trouble during the year. That is a delay on the part of a few Branch Managers and of certain other members in retaining circuits beyond the time allowed for their retention by the rules of the Society. It is very clearly set forth that circuits shall be kept not over three days by members on individual circuit. The limit set for Branches has been sixty days, which is certainly a long enough time to admit of thorough circulation among members in a certain city or district. The retention of circuits over the time causes the Department the greatest inconvenience in many ways. Members count upon receiving circuits at stated times, and are constantly disappointed by those preceding them who fail to consider the rights of others. Then again, we are sometimes unable to retire the books of members calling for same due to this lack of consideration on the part of the derelicts. In such cases, the Department is subjected to severe criticism for matters over which we have no control. However, when everything is considered, we believe the operation of the Sales Department is quite satisfactory. At this juncture, we wish to voice our thanks to the Board of Vice Presidents for their thoughtful administration pertaining to Sales Department matters. They seem ever willing to help with advice and action. All of our communications receive attention at the systematic meetings of this Board. Long may they live.

We have upon several occasions before called attention to the great necessity when filing new books with the Superintendent for circulation in the Department of having the catalogue number and value of each stamp given, as well as the net selling prices. Many of the members buying from circuits are busy men, and if this information is given, they will then make good purchases whereas, if it is lacking, they will frequently pass the stamps with only a cursory examination.

Defective stamps should not be placed in the Department at any price, as they are always objected to on the ground that no member wishes to pay postage on trash. Stamps should not be placed on the backs of pages, and it will be necessary as in the past, to return books received in this condition without circulating them. Hinges that do not peel too readily are the best to use. Books should be allowed to

remain in the Department at least a year, if possible, for as a rule, satisfactory results can not be obtained in less time. It takes an average of two months for a circuit to pass around among ten members, and unless a book can pass through at least four or five circuits, the sales might prove disappointing. Many of the most successful sellers through the Department advise us to keep their books as long as desired, and as all books are kept "busy" going out on new routes promptly after their return from previous ones, the longer they are kept in motion, the better.

Again we must ask for consideration on the part of those members who some times write for the "immediate" return of their books. Just let the members stop to think, and they will hesitate to make such requests, for it will be realized that as we receive each lot of books, they are sent out on different circuits,—and in order to retire a lot upon request, it is necessary to wait until every one of the circuits containing the owner's books is returned to the Sales Department. Circuits are often sent long distances, where they reach buyers whom the ordinary dealer seldom reaches, and in such cases, sales are frequently better on circuits that have gone to those out of the way places, although the time consumed is much greater. Furthermore, when the books do come in, the accounting takes time, as everything of this sort is checked and re-checked by four members of my office force, and it sometimes happens that certain buyers have made mistakes in their remittances which necessitates writing to them, thus occupying more time. Accounts are handled in this manner to prevent the possibility of errors, and the work is usually done between the 20th and 30th of each month, as it is inexpedient to make retirement at any and all times, and immediately upon request.

We desire to state again this year that the Department is run entirely in the interests of the collector members, and while larger sales might result if we ourselves sold over our counter, it would be at the expense of giving members their proper proportion of fresh books, hence no sales are made in the office.

The detailed statement for the year ending July 1, 1910, is as follows:

2548 books on hand in circulation July 1st, 1909, priced at..	\$50,996.27
2375 books rec'v'd July 1st, 1909, to July 1, 1910, priced at..	43,776.63
4923	94,772.90
2458 books returned to owners (sales \$10,339.57) priced at.	48,941.19
2465	45,831.71
10 books Sanborn circuit lost (settled for from insurance fund)	288.91
2455 books in circulation June 30th, 1910, priced at.....	\$45,542.80

Cash Report.

July 1st, 1909, balance on hand.....	\$5,399.04
Cash received in July	903.87
Cash received in August	573.70
Cash received in September	615.27
Cash received in October	526.90
Cash received in November	632.14
Cash received in December	547.44
Cash received in January, 1910	777.89
Cash received in February	825.25
Cash received in March	696.64
Cash received in April	852.10
Cash received in May	755.80

Cash received in June 1,022.00

Total\$14,117.04

2458 sales books returned (value \$48,941.19)..... 10,339.57

June 30th, cash on hand.....\$ 3,777.47

Summary of cash on 2458 books retired to owners during the year ending June 30th, 1910:

Priced value, \$48,941.19	Total sales, \$10,339.57	
Cash remitted to owners.....	\$8,550.65	
Value received. Postage on owners' books		
retired	98.97	
Value received. Blank sales books charged....	45.25	\$8,694.87
Commission to Sales Superintendent (from		
which Branch Mgrs.' Coms. were paid)....		1,228.32
Fines for counterfeits		40.82
Insurance		375.56
Total		\$10,339.57

It will be noted that the sales from the retired books have amounted to 21.15%, which is not quite up to last year's record. In considering the question, we attribute the slight falling off to the fact that quite a number of damaged stamps, together with many Seebecks, have been entered. As stated in the report of last year, it is really not worth while to circulate stamps of this character. On the other hand, a certain number of the members have used great care in preparing their sales books with a good class of stamps at reasonable prices. They have been rewarded by excellent sales often averaging 50%. We, therefore, urge the members to use thought and care in preparing their books if they would secure the best results.

Insurance.

During the year there have been retired 2458 books priced at \$48,941.19, on which assessed insurance was \$385.36, as follows:

Month of September, 1909	\$116.88
Month of November	37.08
Month of December	31.53
Month of January, 1910	42.97
Month of March	38.63
Month of May	46.73
Month of June	71.54*
	<u>\$385.36</u>

which amounts have been remitted to the Treasurer of the A. P. S.

Respectively submitted,

PERCIVAL PARRISH, Sales Superintendent.
Philadelphia, Pa., August 11, 1910.

Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S.,

F. R. Cornwall, Esq., Chairman, 809 Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs:—Having been requested to act as a committee to examine into and audit the accounts of the Sales Department for the year ending June 30th, 1910, we

* Includes fines of \$9.80 collected during the year from certain members on account of their keeping circuits much over the stipulated time. This amount of \$9.80 has been paid over to the Treasurer of the A. P. S. with the request that he credit same to the insurance fund.

the undersigned members of the A. P. S. beg to report that, having looked into all these accounts carefully, hereby certify that they are entirely correct and in accordance with the report as submitted to you for the year by Mr. Percival Parrish.

Yours truly,

JOHN W. HASELTINE, Chairman,
FORREST HAND.

The Chair: Gentlemen, if there is no objection, that portion of the Vice Presidents' report relative to substitution will be referred to the Committee on Sales Department, with the exception of that portion recommending that one hundred dollars be devoted from the insurance fund as a reward for substitution, which part will be referred to the Committee on By-laws. The Sales Superintendent report will be referred to the Sales Department Committee, except that portion relative to finance, which will be referred to the Finance Committee. If there are no objections it will so stand. The next report in order is that of the Secretary.

The Secretary reads his report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 1909-1910.

Columbus, Ohio, August 14, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of The American Philatelic Society:

Another mile stone in our history has been attained, and the events of this year bear out the statement that the American Philatelic Society stands without a peer.

During the past year we have added to the roster of Branch Societies six active branches, all stockholders, as follows:

Philippine Branch No. 33, Manila, Phil. Ids.

Saginaw Stamp Club, Branch No. 34, Saginaw, Mich.

Los Angeles and Southern California Branch, No. 35, Los Angeles, Cal.

District of Columbia Branch, No. 36, Washington, D. C.

Buffalo Collectors' Club, Branch No. 37, Buffalo, N. Y.

Spokane Stamp Club, Branch No. 38, Spokane, Wash.

The charter of Cincinnati Branch No. 29 has been withdrawn.

Total number of Branches August 21, 1909.....	18
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Cincinnati Branch—withdrawn	1
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New Branches	6
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Total number of Branch Societies August 14, 1910.....	23
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We have added to our roster the following Corresponding Societies:

Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, Dresden, Germany.

Österreichischer Philatelisten Klub, Vindobona, Austria.

The Royal Philatelic Society, London, England.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

The Herts Philatelic Society.

The British Guiana Philatelic Society.

We have added to our membership roll as follows:

Total Membership August 28, 1909.....		1757
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Dropped N. P. D.....	242	
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Deaths reported	12	
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Resigned	52	
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Expelled	2	308
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308	1449
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New Stockholders	275
Reinstated	9
Total Membership August 14, 1910.....	1733

Too much can not be said in praise of the Recruiting Committee and the work they have done this year. The following have secured the new members mentioned above:

W. O. Wylie	39	Eugene Klein	3
I. C. Greene	14	Percy McG. Mann	3
R. H. Beatty	10	L. G. Quackenbush	3
H. S. Adair	8	A. W. Batchelder	2
Chas. R. Morris	8	A. W. Dunning	2
Ross O'Shaughnessy	6	Harry E. Dore	2
J. H. Anschuetz	5	Edward E. Brown	2
C. F. Heyerman	5	J. M. Bartels	2
F. B. Griffith, Jr.....	5	G. C. Guenod	2
Hugh M. Clark.....	4	C. G. Ferris	2
J. Harald Kjellstedt	4	Roger DeL. French	2
W. G. Saxton	4	Iver R. Johnson	2
Geo. K. Smith, Jr.....	4	J. W. Hazeltine	2
W. M. Artman	3	S. L. Israel	2
Leon V. Cass	3	E. H. Richardson	2
H. C. Crowell	3	J. H. Stewart	2
H. W. Doscher	3	Chas. Waring	2
D. T. Eaton	3	H. A. Whipple	2

The following members have secured one each:

Julius Levy	John N. Luff
L. P. Dodge	S. W. Jackson
Frank Bescher	F. A. Raymond
B. Grant Jefferis	Vahn Mozian
Geo. W. Baker	Jun Kobayagawa
S. M. Frechie	Jos. B. Feigel
W. A. Sisson	E. C. Dodd
F. B. Kirby	Fred. G. Smith
Don R. Bennett	John G. Hawley
Felix Cohen	H. L. Perkins
J. A. Hayden	Francis Rotch, Jr.
W. D. Pierson	Daniel J. Kaib
Geo. W. Linn	Geo. S. Dates, Jr.
Herbert Bowen	John M. Hubbard
Ignaz Stauffer	W. F. Savage
W. C. Estes	Julian Park
Robt. M. Angier	Edward Gowing
A. F. Van Order	Clyde B. Parker
Dr. F. Fischer	Fred'k Charles
A. Schirmer	Stanley G. Chilson
Chas. A. Coolidge	H. A. Blackwell
Ben G. Green	J. A. Galbraith
R. L. Allen	Warren C. Tudbury
R. J. Hogg	Wm. J. Gardner
E. P. Seebohm	S. B. Kauffman
Mrs. E. P. Buvinger	C. G. Weissbrodt
H. T. Parker	B. O. Komorous

Chas. Dane
 Chas. C. Scott
 J. M. Maloney
 Alvin Good
 Jan de Vries
 Fred Doughty
 A. C. Stewart
 J. A. Klemann
 Fred'k W. Parker
 A. L. Ott
 J. E. Rodenhaver
 George Marples
 C. H. Williams
 Axel E. Johnson
 Fred'k Liebeck

T. C. Mann
 S. R. Neumann
 C. Edwin Smith
 H. A. Davis
 B. F. Egan
 Herbert Armstrong
 Louis Voss
 H. S. Powell
 John Pfalz
 James Guy
 Eugene Telfer
 P. H. Ward, Jr.
 P. M. Wolsieffer
 John R. Miller

The following deaths have been reported to the Secretary the past year:

2287 Seybold, John F., Syracuse, N. Y.
 2678 Doyle, Thos. F., Jersey City, N. J.
 3099 Kiefer, Alfred K., Detroit, Mich.
 2595 Koch, Adolph, Chicago, Ill.
 2623 Wanless, Ernst, San Francisco, Cal.
 2161 Heller, Herbert, New Castle, Ind.
 3119 Thomas, D. C., Abingdon, Va.
 3314 Cheyne, Anthony W., Suffern, N. Y.
 167 Lazarus, Paul, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 2529 Anthonisz, Geo. C., Ceylon.
 2903 Scheckels, Theo. F., Washington, D. C.
 17 Witt, C., New York, N. Y.

The following money was received by the Secretary during the fiscal year, 1909-1910, and remitted by him to the Treasurer:

Month of	Stock	General	Total
September, 1909	\$20.00	\$24.60	\$44.60
October	34.00	38.34	72.35
November	26.00	26.95	52.95
December	21.00	18.94	39.94
January, 1910	26.00	18.90	44.90
February	20.00	14.00	34.00
March	20.00	12.35	32.35
April	16.00	9.70	25.70
May	24.00	9.80	33.80
June	16.00	9.90	25.90
July	23.00	3.00	26.00
Advertising in Handbook No. 1 .....	.....	73.00	.....

The following warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer:

Oct. 1, 1909	No. 421	Grace D. Calvin, Reporting 24th Convention.....	\$67.70
Oct. 1, 1909	No. 422	H. A. Cameron, Bond for Treasurer.....	15.00
Oct. 1, 1909	No. 423	W. P. Wherry, Expense Treasurer's Office.....	12.75
Oct. 1, 1909	No. 424	American Engraving Co., Etchings for Hand Book....	5.10
Oct. 1, 1909	No. 425	W. H. Barnum, Expense Rec. Comm.....	
Oct. 1, 1909	No. 426	W. O. Wylie, Adv. in Stamp Lover.....	6.75
Oct. 1, 1909	No. 427	W. O. Wylie, Expense Rec. Comm. 1909.....	11.41
Oct. 1, 1909	No. 428	Terry Eng. Co., Half Tone and Etching for Quarterly.	9.50

Oct. 11, 1909	No. 429	Percival Parrish, Salary Sales Supt. to Aug. 31, 1909..	25.00
Oct. 11, 1909	No. 430	D. F. Wheless, Substitution Sales Books.....	26.63
Oct. 11, 1909	No. 431	F. W. Picard, Substitution Sales Books.....	7.03
Oct. 11, 1909	No. 432	E. Christiansen, Substitution Sales Books.....	1.37
Oct. 11, 1909	No. 433	D. F. Wheless, Substitution Sales Books.....	3.70
Oct. 11, 1909	No. 434	F. W. Picard, Substitution Sales Books.....	9.18
Oct. 11, 1909	No. 435	The Hann & Adair Printing Co., Stationery President	5.30
Oct. 11, 1909	No. 436	H. G. Smith, Salary as Treas. to Aug. 31, 1909 and postage	29.78
Oct. 15, 1909	No. 437	Edward T. Wallis, refund to refused applicant.....	1.00
Oct. 15, 1909	No. 438	Chas. R. Morris, expense as member Legislative Com.	12.00
Oct. 15, 1909	No. 439	Paul Mason, expense as member Legislative Comm...	5.00
Oct. 15, 1909	No. 440	Arthur G. Burgoyne, Stationary Asst. Librarian.....	3.75
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 441	Edward L. Geis, Attorney Sanborn Case.....	25.00
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 442	W. P. Wherry, expense as Treasurer, October, 1909..	6.20
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 443	W. P. Wherry, expense as Treasurer, November, 1909	2.70
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 444	W. H. Barnum, expense Chm. Rec. Comm., October..	2.27
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 445	Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., 6 months sub., September 1 to March 1, 1910.....	355.57
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 446	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Circ. Letters & Contracts	4.25
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 447	L. Harald Kjellstedt, postage Sept., Oct., Nov., 1909..	2.59
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 448	The Hann & Adair Printing Co., Stationery Board of Vice Presidents	4.35
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 449	W. S. Aldrich, Substitution Sales Books.....	98.72
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 450	Dr. H. Collins, Substitution Sales Books.....	40.19
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 451	A. W. Batchelder, Substitution Sales Books.....	50.72
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 452	J. M. Bartels, Substitution Sales Books.....	18.41
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 453	A. Yaremджи, Substitution Sales Books.....	8.65
Dec. 22, 1909	No. 454	H. Wesley Legg, Substitution Sales Books.....	.77
Dec. 23, 1909	No. 455	W. H. Barnum, expense Rec. Comm., November 1909..	1.80
Dec. 25, 1909	No. 456	H. G. Smith, refund voted by Board of Directors.....	7.26
Dec. 29, 1909	No. 457	John N. Luff, expense Insurance Society Bonds.....	5.00
Dec. 29, 1909	No. 458	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Env. for Secretary.....	4.00
Jan. 1, 1910	No. 459	H. S. Adair, Secretary, September, 1909.....	16.66
Jan. 1, 1910	No. 460	H. S. Adair, Expense Secretary, August, 1909.....	22.74
Jan. 1, 1910	No. 461	H. S. Adair, Expense Secretary, September	33.24
Jan. 1, 1910	No. 462	H. S. Adair, Month October, as Secretary.....	16.67
Jan. 1, 1910	No. 463	H. S. Adair, Expense Secretary's Office, October.....	28.40
Jan. 1, 1910	No. 464	H. Wesley Legg, Substitution Sales Books.....	.88
Jan. 8, 1910	No. 465	F. W. Picard, Substitution Sales Books.....	6.66
Jan. 8, 1910	No. 466	E. C. Dodd, Substitution Sales Books.....	11.05
Jan. 8, 1910	No. 467	Dr. H. Collins, Substitution Sales Books.....	.79
Jan. 15, 1910	No. 468	W. P. Wherry, Expense Treasurer, December, 1909...	5.75
Jan. 15, 1910	No. 469	Douglass Ptg. Co., Stationery Treasurer.....	19.25
Jan. 15, 1910	No. 470	C. A. Howes, Expense Board of Vice Pres., 1908-1909..	20.10
Jan. 15, 1910	No. 471	The Jewett Ptg. Co., Circ. Letters and Contracts Hand Book	3.50
Jan. 18, 1910	No. 472	Wm. Linn & Sons, 2500 Application Blanks.....	10.75
Jan. 18, 1910	No. 473	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Electros of Seal.....	1.25
Feb. 7, 1910	No. 474	L. Harald Kjellstedt, Postage	2.10
Feb. 7, 1910	No. 475	Fred Hagen, Substitution Sales Books.....	21.40
Feb. 7, 1910	No. 476	B. V. Jenkins, Substitution Sales Books.....	2.95
Feb. 7, 1910	No. 477	H. S. Adair, Secretary, November, 1909.....	16.66
Feb. 7, 1910	No. 478	H. S. Adair, Expense Office Secretary, Nov., 1909.....	11.10

Feb. 7, 1910	No. 479	W. P. Wherry, Expense Treasurer's Office.....	17.73
Feb. 7, 1910	No. 480	Douglass Ptg. Co., Stationery for Treasurer.....	3.75
Feb. 7, 1910	No. 481	Walter L. Brown, refund to refused applicant.....	2.10
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 482	L. Harald Kjellstedt, Postage Dec., Jan., Feb.....	1.38
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 483	L. Harald Kjellstedt, Sub. to V. K. B.....	8.64
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 484	W. H. Barnum, Chm. Rec. Comm. Dec. 1 to Mch. 5....	35.90
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 485	F. W. Tessier, Substitution Sales Books.....	.66
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 486	E. Christiansen, Substitution Sales Books.....	1.00
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 487	H. D. Watson, Substitution Sales Books.....	1.10
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 488	E. Tamsen, Substitution Sales Books.....	.66
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 489	Percival Parrish, Substitution Sales Books.....	6.57
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 490	H. S. Adair, Editor, Deposit P. O. on No. 1 Quarterly..	71.90
Mch. 14, 1910	No. 491	L. Harald Kjellstedt, Sub. to Phil. Lit. Society.....	5.00
May 1, 1910	No. 492	Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Subscription to Weekly to September 1, 1910.....	377.85
May 1, 1910	No. 493	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Printing Hand Book.....	101.18
May 7, 1910	No. 494	The Foote & Davies Co., 1250 Stock Certificates.....	52.50
July 1, 1910	No. 495	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, December, 1909.....	16.66
July 1, 1910	No. 496	H. S. Adair, Expense Office, December, 1909.....	7.42
July 1, 1910	No. 497	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, January, 1910.....	16.67
July 1, 1910	No. 498	H. S. Adair, Expense Office Secretary, Jan., 1910....	5.60
July 1, 1910	No. 499	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, February	16.66
July 1, 1910	No. 500	H. S. Adair, Expense Office Secretary, February.....	8.76
July 1, 1910	No. 501	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, March.....	16.67
July 1, 1910	No. 502	H. S. Adair, Expense Office of Secretary, March.....	7.28
July 1, 1910	No. 503	H. S. Adair, Expense Office of Secretary, April.....	5.43
July 6, 1910	No. 504	H. M. Clark, Treasurer Educational Committee.....	50.00
July 6, 1910	No. 505	L. H. Kjellstedt, Postage March, April, May.....	2.10
July 6, 1910	No. 506	W. H. Barnum, Exp. Rec. Comm., May.....	6.49
July 6, 1910	No. 507	W. P. Wherry, Treasurer, Exp. Treas. Office.....	8.05
July 6, 1910	No. 508	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, April	16.66
July 6, 1910	No. 509	H. S. Adair, Expense Office Secretary, May.....	8.40
July 6, 1910	No. 510	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, May	16.67
July 6, 1910	No. 511	H. S. Adair, Expense Office of Secretary, June.....	7.66
July 6, 1910	No. 512	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, June	16.66
July 9, 1910	No. 513	W. H. Barnum, Expense Chm. Rec. Comm., April.....	8.40
July 12, 1910	No. 514	Postmaster, Cols., Ohio, stamped env. for ballots.....	42.48
July 20, 1910	No. 515	H. W. Krumm, Postm'r, Deposit on No. 2 of Quarterly..	60.00
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 516	D. F. Wheless, Substitution Sales Books.....	9.14
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 517	D. F. Wheless, Substitution Sales Books.....	5.52
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 518	E. C. Dodd, Substitution Sales Books.....	3.08
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 519	Herbert Clark, Substitution Sales Books	3.80
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 520	A. W. Batchelder, Substitution Sales Books.....	1.50
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 521	B. V. Jenkins, Substitution Sales Books.....	3.50
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 522	N. W. Chandler, Substitution Sales Books.....	2.19
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 523	W. P. Wherry, Salary to August 31, 1910.....	25.00
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 524	W. H. Bruce, Substitution Sales Books.....	.60
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 525	H. S. Adair, as Secretary, July	16.66
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 526	H. S. Adair, Expense Office of Secretary, July	9.10
Aug. 1, 1910	No. 527	W. H. Barnum, Apr. Exp. Chm. Rec. Comm., Dup. of No. 513	8.40
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 528	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Supplies for Sec. Office	5.70
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 529	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Ball., Prox., etc., 1909...	35.75
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 530	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Ballots for Special Mail Vote, 1909	13.19

Aug. 10, 1910	No. 531	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Envs. for Hand Books..	6.10
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 532	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Membership Cards, 1910	18.00
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 533	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Stencils for Mail List..	4.23
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 534	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., 2200 copies No. 1 Quar..	292.04
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 535	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., 2200 copies No. 2 Quar..	193.52
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 536	The Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., 2200 copies No. 3 Quar..	68.47
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 537	W. M. Linn & Sons Co., Supplies Secy. Office	3.50
Aug. 10, 1910	No. 538	W. M. Linn & Sons Co., Ballots Proxies, Envs., etc..	27.00

The Secretary desires to thank his brother officers for their courtesy and the members at large for their kind forbearance. It is highly gratifying to him to know that he has made such friends in the Society as have been of the utmost assistance to him in his hours of trouble. Thanks are particularly due to two or three members who have sacrificed their time in order to be of assistance to him in his time of need. He will leave this office with kind wishes toward all, and the hope that it may never again get a secretary who will undergo during his term of office that which has been undergone by the present incumbent.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ADAIR, Secretary.

The Chair: Gentlemen, if there are no objections, this report will be received, and that portion of it pertaining to finance will be referred to the Finance Committee. There being no objection it will so stand. The Treasurer's report is now in order.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Omaha, Nebr., Aug. 7th, 1910 -

H. N. Mudge, President:

I am pleased to submit the following report, showing the business done by your Treasurer during the fiscal year just closing:

Receipts—		Stock Fund.	
In March		\$ 97.00	
In July		126.00	
In August		23.00	\$246.00
Disbursements—			
Voucher No. 437 E. T. Wallis	\$1.00		
Voucher No. 481 W. L. Brown	1.00	2.00	
Balance		\$244.00	
Balance Forwarded			\$3354.66
Net Balance			\$3598.66
Receipts—		General Fund.	
From Dues in September	\$ 87.60		
From Dues in October	164.00		
From Dues in November	63.10		
From Dues in December	353.50		
From Dues in January	670.68		
From Dues in February	239.92		
From Dues in March	136.72		
From Dues in April	13.82		
From Dues in May	7.20		
From Dues in June	8.40		
From Dues in July	267.45		
From Dues in August	15.80		\$2028.19

From Miscellaneous Items—

Int. on Bonds	100.00	
Adv. in Hand Book No. 1.....	84.00	
Adv. in Quarterly No. 1.....	72.50	256.50

Total Receipts		<u>\$2284.69</u>
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Disbursements—

Voucher No. 421 G. D. Calvin.....	\$ 67.60
Voucher No. 422 H. A. Cameron	15.00
Voucher No. 423 W. P. Wherry	12.75
Voucher No. 424 American Eng. Co.....	5.10
Voucher No. 425 W. H. Barnum	8.90
Voucher No. 426 W. O. Wylie	6.75
Voucher No. 427 W. O. Wylie	11.41
Voucher No. 428 Terry Eng. Co.....	9.50
Voucher No. 429 Percival Parrish	25.00
Voucher No. 435 Hann & Adair.....	5.30
Voucher No. 436 H. G. Smith	29.78
Voucher No. 438 C. R. Morris	12.00
Voucher No. 439 Paul Mason	5.00
Voucher No. 440 A. G. Burgoyne	3.75
Voucher No. 442 W. P. Wherry	6.20
Voucher No. 443 W. P. Wherry	2.70
Voucher No. 444 W. H. Barnum	2.27
Voucher No. 445 Mekeels Weekly	355.57
Voucher No. 446 Hann & Adair	4.25
Voucher No. 447 L. H. Kjellstedt	2.59
Voucher No. 448 Hann & Adair	4.35
Voucher No. 455 W. H. Barnum	1.80
Voucher No. 456 H. G. Smith	7.26
Voucher No. 457 J. N. Luff	5.00
Voucher No. 458 Hann & Adair	4.00
Voucher No. 459 H. S. Adair	16.66
Voucher No. 460 H. S. Adair	22.74
Voucher No. 461 H. S. Adair	33.24
Voucher No. 462 H. S. Adair	16.67
Voucher No. 463 H. S. Adair	28.40
Voucher No. 468 W. P. Wherry	5.75
Voucher No. 469 Douglas Ptg. Co.....	19.25
Voucher No. 470 C. A. Howes	20.10
Voucher No. 471 Jewett Ptg. Co.....	3.50
Voucher No. 472 W. M. Linn Ptg. Co.....	10.75
Voucher No. 473 Hann & Adair	1.25
Voucher No. 474 L. H. Kjellstedt	2.10
Voucher No. 477 H. S. Adair	16.66
Voucher No. 478 H. S. Adair	11.10
Voucher No. 479 W. P. Wherry	17.73
Voucher No. 480 Douglas Ptg. Co.....	3.75
Voucher No. 481 W. L. Brown (partial).....	1.10
Voucher No. 482 L. H. Kjellstedt	1.38
Voucher No. 483 L. H. Kjellstedt	8.64
Voucher No. 484 W. H. Barnum	35.90
Voucher No. 490 H. S. Adair, Editor.....	71.90
Voucher No. 491 L. H. Kjellstedt	5.00

Voucher No. 492 Mekeel Weekly	377.85	
Voucher No. 493 Hann & Adair	101.18	
Voucher No. 494 Foote & Davies	52.50	
Voucher No. 495 H. S. Adair	16.66	
Voucher No. 496 H. S. Adair	7.42	
Voucher No. 497 H. S. Adair	16.67	
Voucher No. 498 H. S. Adair	5.60	
Voucher No. 499 H. S. Adair	16.66	
Voucher No. 500 H. S. Adair	8.76	
Voucher No. 501 H. S. Adair	16.67	
Voucher No. 502 H. S. Adair	7.28	
Voucher No. 503 H. S. Adair	5.43	
Voucher No. 504 H. M. Clark	50.00	
Voucher No. 505 L. H. Kjellstedt	2.10	
Voucher No. 506 W. H. Barnum	6.49	
Voucher No. 507 W. P. Wherry	8.05	
Voucher No. 508 H. S. Adair	16.66	
Voucher No. 509 H. S. Adair	8.40	
Voucher No. 510 H. S. Adair	16.67	
Voucher No. 511 H. S. Adair	7.66	
Voucher No. 512 H. S. Adair	16.66	
Voucher No. 514 H. S. Adair	42.48	
Voucher No. 515 H. W. Krum	60.00	
Voucher No. 523 W. P. Wherry	25.00	
Voucher No. 525 H. S. Adair	16.66	
Voucher No. 526 H. S. Adair	9.10	
Voucher No. 527 W. H. Barnum	8.40	
Voucher No. 528 Hann & Adair	5.70	
Voucher No. 529 Hann & Adair	35.75	
Voucher No. 530 Hann & Adair	13.19	
Voucher No. 531 Hann & Adair	6.10	
Voucher No. 532 Hann & Adair	18.00	
Voucher No. 533 Hann & Adair	4.23	
Voucher No. 534 Hann & Adair	292.04	
Voucher No. 535 Hann & Adair	193.52	
Voucher No. 536 Hann & Adair	68.47	
Voucher No. 537 W. M. Linn & Sons Co.....	3.50	
Voucher No. 538 W. M. Linn & Sons Co.....	27.00	
Voucher No. 539 H. S. Adair, Editor	19.67	
Total		\$2581.68
Balance (Deficit)		296.99
Balance Forwarded (Deficit)		435.98
Net Balance (Deficit)		\$732.97

Insurance Fund.

Receipts—

Received from Sales Supt. in September	\$116.88	
Received from Sales Supt. in November	37.08	
Received from Sales Supt. in January	31.53	
Received from Sales Supt. in February	42.97	
Received from Sales Supt. in March	38.63	
Received from Sales Supt. in May	46.73	
Received from Sales Supt. in July	71.54	
Received from Sales Supt. in August	7.65	\$393.01

Disbursements—

Voucher No. 430 D. F. Wheless	\$ 26.63	
Voucher No. 431 F. W. Pickard	7.03	
Voucher No. 432 L. H. Kjellstedt	1.37	
Voucher No. 433 D. F. Wheless	3.70	
Voucher No. 434 F. W. Pickard	9.18	
Voucher No. 441 E. F. Geis	25.00	
Voucher No. 449 W. S. Aldrich	98.72	
Voucher No. 450 Dr. H. Collins	40.19	
Voucher No. 451 A. W. Batchelder	50.72	
Voucher No. 452 J. M. Bartels	18.41	
Voucher No. 453 A. Yaremijii	8.65	
Voucher No. 454 H. W. Legg .....	.77	
Voucher No. 464 H. W. Legg .....	.88	
Voucher No. 465 F. W. Pickard	6.66	
Voucher No. 466 E. C. Dodd	11.05	
Voucher No. 467 Dr. H. Collins .....	.79	
Voucher No. 475 L. H. Kjellstedt	21.40	
Voucher No. 476 B. V. Jenkins	2.95	
Voucher No. 485 F. M. Yissier .....	.66	
Voucher No. 486 L. H. Kjellstedt	1.00	
Voucher No. 487 H. D. Watson	1.10	
Voucher No. 488 L. H. Kjellstedt .....	.66	
Voucher No. 489 Percival Parrish	6.57	
Voucher No. 516 D. F. Wheless	9.14	
Voucher No. 517 D. F. Wheless	5.52	
Voucher No. 518 E. C. Dodd	3.08	
Voucher No. 519 H. Clark	3.80	
Voucher No. 520 A. W. Batchelder	1.50	
Voucher No. 521 B. V. Jenkins	3.50	
Voucher No. 522 N. W. Chandler	2.19	
Voucher No. 524 W. H. Bruce .....	.60	373.42
Balance		\$ 19.59
Balance Forwarded		1411.38
Net Balance		\$1430.97

Exchange Fund.

Receipts—

Credit balance in October	\$0.20	
Credit balance in November .....	.15	
Credit balance in December	3.25	
Credit balance in January	3.80	
Credit balance in February .....	.70	
Credit balance in March .....	.20	
Credit balance in June .....	.10	
Credit balance in July .....	.25	\$ 8.65
Balance Forwarded		\$45.60
Net Balance		54.25

Summary of Balances.

Stock Fund	\$3598.66
Insurance Fund	1430.97

Exchange Fund	54.25
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	\$5083.88
Less General Fund Deficit	732.97
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Net Total Balance	\$4350.91

Resources.

Bonds (face \$2500.00) Net.....		\$2612.34
Cash in Bank	\$2449.04	
Cash on Hand	40.19	2489.23
Less Vouchers Issued but not Cashed:—		
No. 516	9.14	
No. 517	5.52	
No. 518	3.08	
No. 519	3.80	
No. 520	1.50	
No. 521	3.50	
No. 522	2.19	
No. 524 .....	.60	
No. 525	16.66	
No. 526	9.10	
No. 527	8.40	
No. 528	5.70	
No. 529	35.75	
No. 530	13.19	
No. 531	6.10	
No. 532	18.00	
No. 533	4.23	
No. 534	292.04	
No. 535	193.52	
No. 536	68.47	
No. 537	3.50	
No. 538	27.00	
No. 539	19.67	
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	\$750.66	\$1738.57
		\$4350.91

In conclusion I will say that although the deficit in the General Fund amounts to \$732.87, still were we able to include the moneys due from advertising in the three issues of the Quarterly, which as yet remains to be collected, together with the rebate due from deposit made Postmaster at Columbus, all amounting to approximately \$250.00, the remaining deficit would be practically that of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WHERRY, Treasurer.

First National Bank of Omaha.

Omaha, Nebraska, August 9th, 1910

W. P. Wherry, Treasurer, American Philatelic Society, No. 471 Brandeis Building, Omaha, Nebr.,

Dear Sir:—Your balance as shown by our books this morning is \$2,449.04. I also wish to certify that I have seen today in the hands of W. P. Wherry, Treasurer, one (1) Fire Department Bond, City of St. Paul, Minn., No. 10030 for \$500.00, one

(1) Sewer bond, city of St. Paul, No. 9848, for \$1,000.00, and one (1) Sewer bond, city of St. Paul, No. 9849, for \$1,000.00.

Yours very truly,

G. ZIMMERMAN, Ass't Cashier.

The Treasurer: There is one correction I would like to make in the Secretary's report. He listed voucher 513 which I never received, and which he drew another voucher for—

The Secretary: It is a duplicate.

The Treasurer: 527, which should have been mentioned as a duplicate. 513 has never been received or accepted by the Treasurer.

The Secretary: 513 was given to a certain person to be forwarded, and the person lost it, so I had to issue a duplicate.

The Chair: Gentlemen, if there are no objections the Treasurer's report will be received, and referred to the Finance Committee. The next report in order is that of the Librarian. Mr. Secretary, have you the report?

The Secretary: I have no report from the Librarian, but I have one from the Assistant Librarian.

The Chair: Excuse me. That is out of order. The next report is that of the International Secretary. Have you his report?

The Secretary: Yes.

Report of the International Secretary as read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

Scranton, Pa., July 30, 1910.

To the American Philatelic Society,

Gentlemen:—The year now drawing to a close has been rather uneventful as far as the office of the International Secretary has been concerned. On my recommendation the Board of Vice Presidents elected the Royal Philatelic Society, the Philatelic Society of Sweden, and the Herts Philatelic Society corresponding members of our Society. Under the date of May 10 I was notified that our Society had been elected a member of the Philatelic Literature Society, and in this connection I beg to make the following quotation from the communication from its Secretary: "The journal for the current year is sent by the same post. If your Society wishes to have the back numbers 1908 and 1909 it can do so on payment of two guineas, subscriptions for previous years." As having further bearing on this subject I quote from a letter received by me from Mr. Fred J. Melville: "You mention that the Society will go to the expense of \$5.00 for, I presume, the current year. But the value of the journal as a record will, I take it, be in having it complete. Most of those who have joined recently have paid for the previous year or years. There are now two complete back volumes and as your journal will be one of the same number, it would be well if the early part of the set could be taken up by the Society."

As this journal is of extreme value as well as typographically beautiful, it should not be missing in our library, and I earnestly recommend that \$10.50 be placed at my disposal for the securing of the two earlier volumes at the regular subscription price.

In my last report I recommended that advertising on a small scale be continued. This recommendation was not acted upon, and as a result there have been very few inquiries from foreign countries. As the price per insertion of a 1-5 page advertisement in the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt* is only \$1.25, with a good discount for repeated insertions, I ask the Society to grant me authority to utilize the space mentioned for a year advertising of the benefits, etc., connected with membership of our Society.

Only two or three complaints have been received at my office from foreign

members, and these complaints have been promptly referred to the Board of Vice Presidents.

The Philatelic Society of St. Petersburg, Russia, requested a copy of Doctor Carroll Chase's book for its library. This request was referred to and granted by our President.

The International Philatelic Exhibition at Berne, Switzerland, appointed our Society as well as its International Secretary members of the Committee of Honor.

The Royal Philatelic Society, the Philatelic Society of Sweden, the Herts Philatelic Society, the British Guiana Philatelic Society, the Internationaler Philatelisten Verein Dresden, the Junior Philatelic Society and Mr. Philip Kosack, of Berlin, have regularly forwarded their publications to my office, from which they have been sent to the Assistant Librarian. The Royal Philatelic Society donated to our Library such of their back volumes of the "London Philatelist" as they had complete and could spare.

Before closing I beg to extend my thanks to the President of our Society and the Board of Vice Presidents for the kind consideration and prompt attention they have given to all matters referred to them from my office.

Very respectfully,

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, International Sec'y.

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the report, and if there are no objections that portion in regard to the purchase of books will be referred to the Library Committee, and the portion in regard to advertising for membership in foreign countries will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Now, we will have the report of the Assistant Librarian.

The Secretary reads the report of the Assistant Librarian.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 15, 1910

To the Board of Directors, American Philatelic Society,

Gentlemen:—Donations to the Library of the Society during the year have been comparatively few. Such as have been received are, for the most part, catalogues, price lists and periodicals.

No purchases have been made, for the reason that, while provision has been made for the binding of books, there is still no fund in the hands of the Librarian to secure new publications. As a result of this omission, an offer recently made by the London Philatelic Society of volumes of the London Philatelist needed to complete the set had to be ignored. I repeat, therefore, my previous suggestion that the Librarian be empowered to make desirable purchases and that a fund be placed in his hands for that purpose.

The library continues to be fairly well patronized. With the distribution of the new, comprehensive and carefully-edited catalogue prepared by the Librarian, the prospect is that the patronage will be materially increased.

I take pleasure in reporting that, at Carnegie Library, no pains are spared to keep the library of the Society in first-class order and to meet the demands of the members.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. BURGOYNE, Assistant Librarian.

The Chair: This report will be referred to the Committee on Library. The report of the attorney.

The Secretary then read the attorney's report.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 16, 1910

Mr. H. N. Mudge, Pres. American Philatelic Society,
No. 6642 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Sir:—As attorney for the Society, I beg to make the following report of the work done by me during the past year:

I have recovered in stamps two thousand and fifty dollars and four cents (\$2,050.04).

I have collected one thousand, one hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-four cents (\$1,136.94).

I have had a large number of complaints, many of them from new members, stating that they had received stamps, unsolicited, from different dealers, a majority of them members of the association.

I have called the attention of these dealers to this, and have received assurances from them that sending unsolicited approvals would be discontinued, but I still have complaints. How just they are, I cannot say. A number of dealers are not careful enough in finding out to whom they are sending stamps, and complain that the society should take action for the expulsion of such members who can be proven dishonest, but the question arises whether or not the dealers themselves are to blame.

When complaints come in against members of the society, I have not been able to ascertain whether or not they were members, because during the last year I have not received a list of the members from the secretary of the society.

If such a thing is possible, a black list should be established, so as to protect the members.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK D. GOODHUE, Attorney.

The Chair: Unless there are objections, this report will be received. There being no objections, it will so stand. Report of the Counterfeit Detector.

Report of Counterfeit Detector read by Mr. J. Murray Bartels.

REPORT OF THE COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

New York, N. Y., August 11, 1910

American Philatelic Society:

There has been an increased demand for the services of the Counterfeit Detector. During the past year a total of 985 stamps were submitted for examination. Of this number 577 were originals, 80 reprints and 315 forgeries. In thirteen instances no definite opinion was given owing to lack of sufficient comparative material. This shows an increase of 364 stamps submitted over the preceding year. In all 89 consignments were submitted by 47 different members, while last year the department was patronized by only 37.

No forgeries worthy of special mention seem to have come into the market during the past twelve months.

Owing to the difficulty in expertising surcharges and cancellations, and the time generally required for work of this nature, I recommend that the price for examination of all surcharges, as well as cancellation, be raised to 15 or 25 cents per stamp. It is no rare occurrence that from half to a full hour's time is consumed in research and comparisons before an accurate opinion on a single surcharged stamp, such as Puerto Principe and some of the Philippine issues, can be formed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MURRAY BARTELS, Counterfeit Detector.

The Chair: If there are no objections, that report will be received, and the recommendation contained therein will be referred to the Committee on By-laws. Examiner of Sales Books report.

Examiner of Sales Books report was read by Mr. Eugene Klein.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINER OF SALES BOOKS.

Philadelphia, Pa., August 1, 1910

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Society,

Gentlemen:—During the fiscal year of 1909-1910, 2375 sales books were submitted to me for examination. Of these I removed 220 counterfeits, fines for which amounted to \$40.20.

Of new counterfeits I found the following:

Argentine Republic, 1892 Columbian issue. These are offered for sale as reprints, though they are nothing but counterfeits. Their designs differ somewhat, colors are dull, and the shading, which is clear in the originals, is blurred in the forgeries.

Cuba, 1902, 1 on 3c with forged inverted surcharge, also double surcharge of the same stamp, one of which is forged. The forged surcharges are printed in vermilion, the original is carmine. All those I have seen came from France and England, and bear a five pointed star, hand stamped in blue on the back, as a sort of a guarantee mark.

Soudan, 1897, 5 milliemes with inverted surcharge. This is printed in dull gray black, while the original is shiny deep black. This forgery is printed in type "Six" which occurs in the lowest row of the pane. I recollect having seen other types of these.

Shanghai, 1893 Jubilee 2c. Several copies of a lithographed forgery have made their appearance.

Of the older forgeries, the following were the most numerous: South Bulgaria, about forty copies of the "Constantinople" type, also a few poorer imitations; Hamburg, Roman States, Italian "Estero," Brazil "Numerals," about a dozen of each. Bulgaria Jubilee, Formosa, Japan, Liberia, Servia, Spain, Swiss Cantonals, Transvaal, Turkey, and Venezuela Miranda issue, almost all of which are lithographic reproductions, constitute the balance of the forgeries removed.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE KLEIN, Examiner of Sales Books.

The Chair: If there are no objections, this report will be received and referred to the Committee on Sales Department. The Expert Committee report.

The Secretary: No report. They haven't made a report for years, have they?

The Chair: Oh, yes, they have. With your permission I will skip the order of some of these committees, in order as far as possible to get out this afternoon such committees as may include recommendations, so that the work of the Society can be handled most expeditiously. There is one, however, that if the report is ready, should be taken practically in its order, I think, and that is the Obituary Committee. Is there any report from the Obituary Committee?

The Secretary: No report. I received a letter from Mr. Park stating that he had been called out of the country unexpectedly, and that when he returned he would send in the report for publication in the Quarterly, but that he could not have it ready for the convention.

The Chair: Is the Committee on Hand Books ready to report? Mr. Stone, do you know anything about the Committee on Hand Books?

Mr. Stone: No member of the committee is present. (Brings report forward.)

The Chair: Will you read it?

Report of Committee on Hand Books is read by Mr. Stone.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HAND BOOKS.

Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Your committee respectfully reports that due consideration was given the manuscript submitted by Wm. Evans, M. D., of Norfolk, Va., and recommended to our attention by your committee of one year ago. It was not thought wise to

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publish the material, as the subject, "Montenegro," is not of wide enough interest to appeal to many collectors.

The committee was most fortunate to receive from Mr. Edward H. Mason, of Boston, Mass., a gratuitous manuscript of much value; subject, "Essays for United States Postage Stamps." To pay part of the printing expenses advertising was solicited. The support was far insufficient to warrant proceeding further.

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to continue the work of publication, an appropriation be made of \$100.00 to defray all expense for printing 2500 copies, the style, size, etc., to be in accord with Hand Book No. 1.

For the Committee,

ROBERT C. MUNROE,
JOHN W. PREVOST,
HARRY G. KITSON.

Items of expense attached hereto.

Mr. Stone: I would say in regard to this, that the committee got a price for printing the manuscript of the hand book, which amounted to about eighty odd dollars. Advertising at three dollars a page was solicited, but only about forty dollars worth was secured. It was not enough to warrant them in going ahead, as under the provisions of the resolution appointing them last year, they could incur no expense whatever to the Society.

The Chair: Has that bill been submitted to the Secretary, do you know?

Mr. Stone: That bill? No, I think not.

The Chair: That is where that should go. If there are no objections this report will be received, and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Is Mr. Mason present? I have not noticed him here. Does anyone know whether he is coming?

The Secretary: He is coming all right. I telephoned this noon over to the hotel to try and locate him, but I could not get any satisfaction.

The Chair: It is possible that he may have something to say about the Legislative Committee. You remember I covered that in my report. We will pass that over. Committee on Catalogue of United States Postage Stamps.

The report of the Committee on Catalogue of United States Postage Stamps was read by Mr. J. Murray Bartels.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CATALOGUE OF U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS.

The committee appointed at the last convention on the catalogue of U. S. Postage Stamps met in New York last October. Present were Messrs. Worthington, Deats, Luff, Carpenter, Putney and Bartels.

It was not considered practical to divide the work of writing this catalogue among a larger number of members, as uniformity would be impossible unless all could meet frequently, which is of course out of the question. Messrs. Bartels and Nevin consented to do the work provided no time limit should be fixed and they were free to use their own judgment. A third member of the committee agreed to do a certain section, but he does not wish his name used at present.

The two members who have signed this report met weekly in Boston during the winter and spent hours at a time in study and research. The principal work has been the correct and intelligible naming of the numerous shades of later issues in which each stamp has appeared. It was decided to begin with the 1890 set rather than 1847, as the need for a correct guide has been very important, and in this work they have been greatly assisted by "The Nomenclature of Colors for Naturalists," by Ridgeway, and four other publications including color charts. It was necessary to assemble a large amount of material to form reference collections in order to proceed accurately in the work. In this we had valuable assistance from several Boston philatelists, who have fine collections. Frequently the listing of a single stamp has required several hours of work, and for this reason progress has been somewhat slow.

The committee feels, however, that it is making substantial progress. The removal of Mr. Bartels to New York will cause the work to go much slower than was hoped. For this reason, and because of the very great amount of time and study required to make the catalogue what it should be, the committee feels that it can not state any definite time when the completed manuscript may be expected; simply that it is making as much progress as is consistent with the magnitude of the undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MURRAY BARTELS,
CHARLES K. B. NEVIN.

The Chair: I am proud of that committee, gentlemen. If there are no objections that report will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Committee; its report will be read by the only member of that committee present, Mr. Cornwall.

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. President and gentlemen, we hope you will feel prouder of this one.

Reads report of the Committee on the Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

July 21, 1910

Mr. H. N. Mudge, President American Philatelic Society, 6643 Normal Ave., City,
Dear Sir:—The 25th Anniversary Committee begs to present its report as follows:

The members of the committee have discussed a great many details of the proposed 25th Anniversary Celebration, both by correspondence and by means of personal visits with the President of the Society, and have come to the conclusion that it would not be within their province to suggest such definite details of the celebration which might conflict with the plans of a local committee appointed by the Society or Club entertaining the American Philatelic Society in 1911.

Without any desire to anticipate legislation, we call your attention to the fact that Chicago is bidding strongly for the convention in 1911. It is necessary to state that the recommendations of this committee, regarding an international competitive exhibition, are based, to some extent, upon the presumption that the 1911 Convention will be held in a large, centrally located city.

We recommend that such an exhibition be held under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society, that this exhibition be open to collectors only for competition, dealers to be allowed to display for exhibition only.

We have in Chicago a very fine public Art Institute. Mr. French, the director of this Institute, has told us, as has likewise Mr. Hutchinson, the president, that we may count on the use of a gallery during the time of the convention in August, 1911.

This will be furnished free, although it may be necessary for the Society to purchase admission cards for the members and their friends. We believe, however, that we can secure free admission to all members on presentation of a convention badge or some similar token.

The expense of holding such an exhibition is somewhat problematical, depending, of course, to a great extent, upon how many exhibits would be secured and their total value.

The largest items of expense would be insurance and medals. We believe that \$240.00 will be necessary for insuring to all exhibitors the safety from fire and theft of all stamps sent to the committee, which insurance will be effective from the time the stamps are received from the Express Company until they are again delivered safely sealed to the carriers on their return trip.

The medals we suggest should be three in number for each class:

First prize—gold metal.

Second prize—silver medal.

Third prize—bronze metal.

We believe that \$260.00 will be a fair amount to figure as the cost of the medals, including the dies, and with \$250.00 more, to be used for rental of a proper safety deposit vault for temporary storage, police protection, postage, stationery, incidentals, etc., we have a total expense of \$750.00.

We believe that this money can be easily secured (1) by individual subscriptions of members; (2) by advertisements in the official exhibition program; (3) by an appropriation of the Society.

We suggest that there be no official banquet or smoker during the period of the convention, but that there be set aside one evening for a formal meeting, with appropriate speeches and papers.

In case the convention is held in Chicago, we recommend that one day during the convention period be set aside for the purpose of celebrating with the Chicago Philatelic Society its 25th Anniversary, this day to be known officially as "Chicago Day."

We suggest that a complete history of the Society be printed and distributed at the time of the convention, as a further fitting celebration of its 25th Anniversary.

We should attempt to make this meeting a grand reunion of our membership, especially all the older members and those that have not been active in the Society in recent years.

We recommend the appointment of a committee, with power to add to their number, to take entire charge of the exhibition and formulate its rules.

This committee has incurred no expense.

In conclusion, the 25th Anniversary Committee begs to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

25th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE,

E. M. ROSENTHAL, Chairman,

A. W. BATCHELDER,

L. H. KJELLSTEDT,

F. R. CORNWALL,

GEO. L. TOPPAN.

The Chair: Gentlemen, if there are no objections this report will be received, and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The next report is that of the Educational Committee.

Mr. Hugh M. Clark: The report of the Educational Committee was not looked to be called for this afternoon and it was not brought up. I will have it in the morning.

The Chair: Very well. We will make that a matter of business tomorrow. Don't let me forget it. The Index Committee. Is there any report from them.

The Secretary: No.

The Chair: I understand that Mr. Ricketts, the chairman, is to be here. I wrote him a short time ago. Otherwise, I am sure we would have heard from him. But in a general way, I can say, as I have already said in my report, that a systematic work is being carried on in that connection. You will probably hear from him and in detail in some way shortly. Philatelic Literature Committee.

The report of the Philatelic Literature Committee was read by Mr. Stone.

REPORT OF THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

To the American Philatelic Society:

At the convention of 1898 it was voted to provide for the appointment of a standing committee, which should report annually on the philatelic publications of

the preceding year. The first report of the series was presented at the convention held in Detroit in 1899, and the present is therefore the twelfth of the series. That these reports are appreciated by the members can be learned by the numerous letters and words of commendation received by your chairman from collectors all over the philatelic world.

The literature of philately is growing rapidly, and the past few years has seen many valuable publications placed on the market. The past year seems to have been devoted more to popular works rather than to the more advanced literature, and this is a class of works for which we have been long waiting. Books that appeal to the mass of collectors are what we need to instruct our new recruits and not the tremendously technical works which, valuable as they are, only appeal to a very limited number.

Several series of these popular hand books have appeared during the year. Of the Melville books several numbers have been placed on the market, and others are in preparation. "The Embossed Adhesive Stamps of Great Britain, British New Guinea and Papua, Tonga, Jamaica," and three volumes covering the stamps of the "United States, 1847-1869, 1870-1893, 1894-1910." The low price at which these valuable little hand books are sold (\$1 per series of eight, or 15 cents each) places them at the disposal of everyone, and it is not strange to learn that their sale has been very large. The New England Stamp Co. are the agents for this country.

Three more hand books by B. W. H. Poole have been issued in the West End Philatelist series, treating respectively of the stamps of "Zululand, Gold Coast and Bulgaria." They can be had of D. Field, 4 and 5 Royal Arcade, Old Bond St., London, W., and sell for 15 cents each.

Another handbook by Mr. Poole is "British Honduras," reprinted from the Stamp Collector's Fortnightly. Another work issued by the same publishers is devoted to the "Stamps of Uruguay," by S. Jean, originally published in French by Chas. Mendel, of Paris. Each of these works sells for 15 cents, and can be had from the publishers, 63 Chancery Lane, London, W. C.

The Postage Stamp Handbooks, inaugurated by the late Edward J. Nankivell, have been issued to the extent of six numbers, "Jamaica and Cayman Islands, Cape of Good Hope and Niger Coast Protectorate," by Mr. Nankivell, "Dominica," by Mr. Poole, "Abyssinia," by Mr. Melville, and "New Hebrides," by an anonymous author who signs himself "Single C. A." These books can be had from W. H. Peckett, 47 Strand, London, for three shillings the set of six, or 15 cents singly.

The first handbook issued by our own society appeared last year just too late to be mentioned in our last report. It was written by Carroll Chase, M. D., and was entitled "On Plating the 3c, 1851 United States Postage Stamp." It is not for sale, a copy being given to each member of the society. Another manuscript is in the hands of the committee, and would have been issued during the past year but for lack of financial support. It is devoted to a list of "United States Essays," a subject which is but little known and which needs exploiting.

The Educational Committee have issued two little folders designed for circulation among the younger collectors, which deserve special mention. One is devoted to Australia and the other to the Philippines, and each is illustrated with actual stamps pasted on the leaflet. A third number is soon to appear devoted to China. "A Little Talk with Boys and Girls" by our president is sent with each leaflet. The Recruiting Committee have also issued an attractive booklet to aid in the work of that committee.

On the other side of the water the Junior Philatelic Society have reprinted from the Stamp Lover the articles on the "Fiscal Stamps of the United States," by L. W. Crouch, a copy of which was presented to each member of the society resident in the United States. It is beautifully illustrated with half tones, and can be had from H. F. Johnson, 44 Fleet St., London, for 65 cents. Another reprint from the

same journal is "The Story of the J. P. S., a Record of Ten Years Progress," by Ralph Wetmore.

An important work devoted to the "General Issues of United States Stamps" was brought out by Stanley Gibbons, Inc. It is from the pen of Eustace B. Power, and is a handbook to the different shades and varieties. The text is plentifully interspersed with cuts showing the differences in the varieties, and a valuable adjunct to the book is the pricing of the numerous shades listed. A valuable article by C. H. Mekeel which appeared in the *Philatelic Journal of America* has been included in the book by permission. It is devoted to the special perforations on our stamps which are intended for use in vending and mailing machines. It has also appeared in pamphlet form by the Stamp Security Co., of St. Louis. Mr. Power's book can be obtained from the publishers, 198 Broadway, New York, for \$1.00 in cloth or 75 cents in paper.

Another publication by the same firm is a little leaflet entitled "Varieties of U. S. Imperf. Stamps," which sells for 10 cents. "The History of the Postmarks of the British Isles from 1840 to 1876," which appeared as a supplement to *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*, has been reprinted in book form and can be had for \$1.00 in cloth or 75 cents in paper.

"Les Timbres du Chili," by S. Jean, which has been appearing in *Le Timbre Poste*, is advertised in book form by Chas. Mendel, 118 Rue d'Assas, Paris, for 30 cents.

"Papua, Its Posts and Postage Stamps," by H. G. Jobson, can be had from the author, Redlands, Sidmouth, Devon, Eng., for 27 cents. It is said to be an excellent little handbook.

"Les Falsifications du Transvaal," by Leon de Raaij, which we noted last year is not for sale, a limited number having been printed for distribution to the leading philatelic societies.

"Halifax Posts, 1684-1852," by H. Ling Roth, curator of the Bankfield Museum, is a valuable little pamphlet, giving an account of the early posts and their hand-stamps as found in the correspondence preserved in Shibden Hall. It can be had for 27 cents, postpaid, from F. King & Sons, Ltd., Commercial St., Halifax, Eng.

Another work dealing with the early posts is "Pre-Victorian Postage Stamps and Franks," by G. A. Foster. This of course deals with the same kind of stamps as were used in our own country prior to the issue of adhesive stamps, namely, the well known "Paid" marks, and is a proper preface to the history of stamps themselves. It is published by Chas. Nissen & Co., 7 Southampton Row, London, and sells for \$1.35 postpaid. The same firm also issue the seventh edition of their well known "Stamp Collectors' Annual," containing a number of articles including the index for philatelic literature of 1909. Price 27 cents postpaid.

An illustrated booklet descriptive of the famous Avery collection has been gotten out by W. H. Peckett, and we are under the impression it is for free distribution to his clients.

The book on the Campeche locals of Mexico, written by Walter Clark Bellows, which we noted last year, is being reprinted in the *Philatelic Journal of America*, and the first section has appeared as a separate leaflet.

Nunn's "Stamp Dealers of Great Britain" is now in its 21st edition, and is published by C. J. Endle & Co., Bournemouth, Eng., at 12c.

An interesting and valuable souvenir of the well known Seybold collection is a pamphlet issued by J. C. Morgenthau 87 Nassau St., N. Y., containing 23 plates showing some 37 of the more valuable covers in the collection. Its price is 25 cents.

Senf Bros., of Leipzig, continue the publication of the work on reprints by Captain Paul Ohrt as a supplement to the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*. An English translation of this work was commenced some time ago in the *Philatelic*

World, but as that journal has been absorbed by the *West End Philatelist* we are not aware whether it is to be continued or not.

The St. Petersburg section of the Dresden society has commenced the publication of a work entitled "Die Postwertzeichen der Russischen Landschaftsaemter," which is to appear in twenty-five parts with many plates and \$1.50 per part. Six parts, each of 32 pages, are now ready, and the work when completed will be a veritable encyclopaedia of what we commonly call Russian locals.

A little book noted in the *Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society* is "Kan Koku Yubin Kitte Jo," or Album of Korean postage stamps. It is printed throughout in Japanese, and is illustrated with specimens of the stamps themselves with the exception of the first issue. It is said to have been issued by the Department of Communications of the Japanese Resident in Korea, but no place or date of publication is given.

A catalogue of railway, messenger and steamship stamps was issued in 1908 by Jean Verzijl, which is said to be a most excellent work. It has only recently come to our notice, and we have not yet had an opportunity to examine it. The publisher's address is 172 Rue Frederic Lints, Louvain, Belgium, and the price of the book is 60 cents. A note in the *Philatelic Record* for April mentions the issue of the first section of an elaborate monograph on the stamps of China, but gives no details except that it is a serial insert with the *Mitteilungen* issued by Paul Kohl.

The work on the stamps of Switzerland by Ernst Zumstein, a translation of which has been running in the *Philatelic Record* for some time past, is soon to appear in book form.

Mr. E. D. Bacon some little time since announced that he had commenced the printing of the catalogue of philatelic literature in the library of the Earl of Crawford. The use of the plates have been placed at the disposal of the *Philatelic Literature Society*, and it is hoped that it will be possible to supply each of the members with a copy free of charge. As the library is undoubtedly the finest in the world, the catalogue will be of immense value to literature collectors as a check list and history.

Chas. Mendel has recently issued the "Annuaire du Timbre-Poste et de la Carte Postale Illustree," compiled by Geroges Brunel. It contains lists of collectors of stamps and view cards, philatelic societies and a press directory, together with numerous miscellaneous articles. The price is 75 cents post paid from the publishers, 26 Allee du Rocher, Le Raincy (S. et O) France.

Another Annual is that issued by Bela Szekula, of Budapest, of which we have seen no particulars aside from an announcement. H. Haack, of Crefeld, Germany, has also issued an address book, now in its second edition, which sells for 25 cents.

The Year Book of the United States Revenue Society contains a report of the convention of last year, together with the annual reports of the officers and the list of members. As a supplement it has just issued a "Hand Book and Check List of United States State Revenue Stamps," compiled by the secretary, Mr. J. Delano Bartlett, which goes far ahead of anything in its line. The book is fully up to date, and contains full lists of all the numerous feed inspection stamps, etc., which have been appearing in the southern states of late, and of which no list has been available. The book should do much towards making popular the collection of the state issues and also of adding to the membership of the society, for we are informed the book is not for sale to the public but can only be obtained by joining the society.

The second Year Book of the Southern Philatelic Association is announced, but your committee have not seen a copy. The price is 10 cents from the secretary, R. L. Doak, West Lafayette, Ohio.

A little late in the day comes the report of the First Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, held last year in Manchester. It is a 56 page pamphlet and sells for 25 cents from the Junior society of that city.

A report of the XXI Deutschen Philatelisten Tag at Karlsbad last summer was included as a supplement to *Der Philatelist* for December.

The second number of the "Record of the Philatelic Students' Fellowship" has appeared, and like the first is for private circulation only, and not for sale.

C. Malke, of Leipzig, has issued an international directory of philatelic journals, which sells for 8 cents. It is full of errors but will be of use in some respects.

Auction sales of philatelic literature have been very much in evidence during the past season, and the high prices realized show that collectors are waking up to the fact that they need a library to fully understand their stamps.

On October 12 was sold the library of J. M. Andreini, there being about seventy-five lots, many of them in fine morocco bindings. On November 1, Glendenning & Co., of London, sold 210 lots of literature, among which were many of the early publication relating to philately. On the 13th of the same month P. M. Wolsieffer sold some 140 lots, which brought excellent prices and included a number of the older publications and sets of periodicals. On March 10 of the present year the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. sold some 40 lots of standard works, and on May 12 the same firm disposed of the library of Henry L. Calman, containing over 200 lots and comprising the best working library ever sold at auction in this country.

Articles on literature are becoming more frequent in the periodicals, and the *Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society* has contributed numerous valuable bibliographies.

There have been in the past several abortive attempts to form an American literature society, but they have failed for various reasons. During the past year, however, another attempt has been made, and from present indications it bids fair to be more permanent and to accomplish some definite work. Mr. Ricketts of our committee is the historian, and has in preparation the first publication of the society, which will consist of a hand book containing a list of every publication in the English language relating to philately which appeared during the year 1909. Persons interested in the work of the society can get full information from the secretary, Geo. W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio.

Of the periodicals of the past year we shall say but little, as we have in preparation a list of the world's existing periodicals with full data concerning each, which we hope to issue as an addenda to this report. Among the new periodicals, however, should be mentioned the quarterly edition of the *American Philatelist*, issued by our society, the *Attleboro Philatelist*, *Billikin's Philatelic Magazine*, *Everybody's Philatelist*, *Philadelphia Stamp News* (a weekly), *Philatelic Journal of America*, and the *Stamp Collector*.

Your committee have also in preparation a list of stamp catalogues and important price lists issued during the year, which will also appear in the addenda.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. STONE, Chairman,

H. E. DEATS,

WM. R. RICKETTS,

Committee on Philatelic Literature.

Mr. Stone: I will say in connection with that report that the details as to the price and where these magazines can be obtained, appears in the report, which I skipped to save time.

The Chair: If there are no objections, gentlemen, the report will be received and ordered printed in the Quarterly, in accordance with the usual custom. General Coolidge would like to make an announcement.

General Coolidge: I desire to call the attention of the members that the ladies are to go to the theatre tonight, and if the gentlemen have not registered for their wives and ladies to go to the theater, I wish they would. Mrs. Coolidge will be at the Cadillac, the lobby right back of the office, a quarter of eight, to conduct them

If those who are at the different hotels other than the Cadillac will notify the ladies or gentlemen that are going to the theater, it will be convenient perhaps for us so as not to miss anybody. We don't want to miss anybody. I also wish to state that the postage stamps for the auction sale this evening will be on exhibition up in the third story at four o'clock. We also have the Burroughs mailing machine up there on exhibition.

The Chair: The next business in order would be reading of reports of branch societies, but with your permission I propose to postpone that until tomorrow in order to get further along and in due course to arrive at the introduction of new business. The next business in order, therefore, will be communications. Are there any communications, Mr. Secretary?

The Secretary read the following telegram:

Pittsburg, Pa., August 16, 1910.

American Philatelic Society, Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Mich.:—Best wishes convention 1910.
IGNAZ STAUFFER.

The Chair: The next business will be the introduction of new business. New business is now in order.

Mr. Wolsieffer: For the information and instruction of a number of the larger proxy holders, who have various instructions and resolutions to present on behalf of their proxies, I would inquire whether it would be perfectly proper to hand those to the chairman or the secretary to be given to the proper committees, and thus avoid unnecessary discussion that might come up at the time that these are presented. I think it would save time if that could be done.

The Chair: If there are no objections that could be done. I think they should be handed to the Chairman to be assigned to the various committees to which they apply.

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. President, as I understand it, there are some amendments to the By-laws which have been published. Would that mean that the Committee on By-laws would take those and act on them?

The Chair: Yes.

Mr. Cornwall: And any other proposed amendments to the By-laws would be handed in?

The Chair: Yes. Either that or any larger matter as against a general proposition could be taken up. That does not preclude anyone who wishes to do so, introducing their particular resolution independent of that blanket proposition. Mr. Wolsieffer speaks in behalf of certain proxy holders in a broad way. Is not that right?

Mr. Wolsieffer: Yes. Various resolutions are submitted with proxies, and it will only create unnecessary debate, because they would have to go to the Committees anyway and come back. My idea was it would save time in this convention if we could have it attended to that way instead of reading them off here, and having them repeated afterwards.

The Chair: That doesn't necessarily refer to everything, Mr. Cornwall, and it does not prevent anybody introducing on the floor anything that they wish.

Mr. Cornwall: I simply wish to second Mr. Wolsieffer's suggestion, and make it broad enough to include any amendments that may be made or any resolutions that will be likely to be offered. Otherwise, we would simply have to do the work over twice, arguments now, then referred to the Committee, and arguments later after the Committee report.

The Chair: Well, gentlemen, we will withdraw what I have said about this being acceptable, and put the matter to vote. Shall the introduction of new business be handled in the way suggested by Mr. Wolsieffer and seconded by Mr. Cornwall? Those in favor will please signify by saying aye.

The motion was put to a vote by the Chair and carried.

The Chair: Consequently if anyone has anything that they want to introduce, if they will bring it to me I will assign it to the proper committees, and of course, if there is any mistake in that assignment, it will come up on the floor again. Anyone who is interested will have a right to call for it.

Papers handed to the Chairman.

The Chair: You might pass those in now, if you will. We might take a recess for a few minutes to do this in order that I may assign them. General Coolidge, I think you have a resolution. The convention has just passed a vote to the effect that resolutions be passed to the Chairman to be assigned to Committees to come up again.

Mr. Johnson: It is understood that these resolutions merely be handed in without reading?

The Chairman: Yes.

General Coolidge: I would like to read this resolution, for two reasons.

The Chair: You have that privilege. Read it.

General Coolidge: This is a matter that has been brought up before the Society before, and I have a diagram which I want to submit. It will be exposed on the curtain here before the resolution comes up. Of course, if these matters are referred to a committee, I want you to understand what you are voting on when the resolution comes up. I think some of the gentlemen who came here had the same trouble that I did at Atlantic City of not being able to recognize their fellow Philatelists. Therefore, this is on behalf of those poor wanderers who come into a strange city before the Philatelic Convention meets, or before they get their badges. They have nothing to designate them, and it has been suggested to me that we should have a Philatelic button. That is an old idea, but still it has been talked of among my friends. I have a diagram which I propose to put up here and submit to the convention. The Committee itself on Buttons or Badges I believe has been dissolved. The present design was approved by a majority of the Board of Directors yesterday, to be submitted to the Society if they want to take any action on this thing. My resolution is as follows:

RESOLVED, That the design (No. 2, submitted by the firm of Bailey, Banks & Biddle) be adopted for a lapel button for the use of the American Philatelic Society, and that the Board of Vice Presidents of the A. P. S. be empowered to procure their manufacture and arrange for the sales of them to members of the Society.

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution. If there is no objection it will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Are there any other matters to be brought up? If not, we are in position to go back to our routine business and call for the reports of branch societies. I am reminded that I have overlooked the report of the Recruiting Committee.

Report of Recruiting Committee read by Mr. Barnum.

ANNUAL REPORT RECRUITING COMMITTEE, THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

To the Directors and Members, American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—The work of this committee for the past year, along general lines, followed that of previous committees. However, after mature deliberation, it was decided to not follow such an aggressive policy as heretofore in the campaign for new members. To that end all publicity through the advertising columns of philatelic and kindred journals was dispensed with, and the work carried on primarily through personal solicitation of the individual members of the committee. While the growth is naturally slower under this method it has seemed a more safe way in reaching really desirable prospects, and to conform more with the dignified standing of our Society.

Your chairman received his appointment September 18, 1909, and immediately took steps to complete the committee by asking various members, principally in

the larger centers, to serve thereon. As all these preliminary arrangements necessarily had to be done by mail much time was consumed, and the committee's permanent organization not completed until October 30, 1909.

It is unnecessary to tabulate here the results of the individual members, as this record is found in the Secretary's report. Suffice to say that 132 applications have been secured and proposed by twenty-five of the committeemen.

Together with the canvass for new members, the committee has endeavored to aid the Treasurer in collecting the dues of members and, in consequence, but a small percentage of the delinquents will be found residents of cities where there are local recruiting committeemen.

In February your chairman caused to be issued a booklet briefly covering the benefits to be derived from membership in the Society, and more than 800 copies of the 1000 edition have been carefully distributed.

Of the \$150.00 appropriated for the use of the committee \$68.16 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$81.84 to be returned to the General Fund.

As we feel that this work should be continued, we beg leave to recommend to the convention an appropriation of the same amount for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

THE RECRUITING COMMITTEE,

By W. H. BARNUM,

Chairman.

The Chair: If there are no objections the report will be received and referred to the Committee on Resolutions, in regard to the request for an appropriation. That I am quite sure completes all of the committees that are ready to report. We will now go to the branch societies for their reports. Chicago Branch No. 1.

A Member: Not ready, Mr. President.

The Chair: Pacific Branch No. 3. No report. St. Louis Branch No. 4.

The Secretary read report of St. Louis Branch No. 4.

REPORT OF ST. LOUIS BRANCH No. 4.

This branch reports progress, its meetings having been held in conjunction with the St. Louis Stamp Collectors. We have about ten active members, and a number whose good wishes and moral support may be relied upon at all times.

Respectfully,

F. R. CORNWALL, President.

The Chair: The report will be received, if there are no objections, and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Pittsburg Branch No. 5. No report. Philadelphia Branch No. 18.

The Secretary read report of Philadelphia Branch No. 18.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA BRANCH No. 18.

Philadelphia, August 1st, 1910

Mr. President and Members of the American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—Philadelphia Branch No. 18 has held regular meetings during the past year, but nothing of particular interest has occurred excepting that application was made through the Secretary of the American Philatelic Society to have the title of the branch changed from "Philadelphia Philatelic Society, Branch No. 18, A. P. S." to "Philadelphia Branch No. 18, A. P. S." The reason for this was that the Philadelphia Philatelic Society, the Quaker City Philatelic Society, the West Philadelphia Philatelic Society, and the Philadelphia Branch of the National Philatelic Society had consolidated under the name of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, and the A. P. S. members wish to hold their charter as a Branch.

The Philadelphia Stamp Club, the new organization, although but one year old, has a membership of over one hundred, a permanent club room with a library of

several hundred volumes of standard Philatelic reference works, and all other conveniences that go to make up a well appointed philatelic headquarters.

About one-fourth of the members are also members of Branch No. 18, and recruits are coming into the Branch from time to time. The present roll accounts for twenty-seven members.

Through the courtesy of the Philadelphia Stamp Club the Branch has the privilege of holding its meetings in their club room, No. 25 Drury Building.

Very respectfully,

F. HAHMAN, President,

A. F. HENKELS, Secy. and Treas.

The Chair: If there are no objections the report will be received, and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. New England Branch No. 20, Boston. Anything, Mr. Carpenter?

Mr. Carpenter: I have not anything. I am not an officer of the Branch.

The Chair: Columbus Collector's Club, Branch No. 21.

The Secretary: That report was to have been mailed to me. I have not got it yet. I can give an oral report if you want it.

The following report was received at the close of the convention:

REPORT OF BRANCH No. 21, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mr. H. N. Mudge, President, American Philatelic Society.

Dear Sir:—During the past year the Columbus Collectors' Club, Branch No. 21, of this Society, has held regular meetings every two weeks, the average attendance for the year being about fifteen. The Branch has been working along the same lines as formerly, papers and exhibits being given at each meeting, and contests and drawing have been held from time to time. The present membership is 49. The financial condition of the Branch is good, and the prospects for the coming year are exceedingly bright.

GEO. K. SMITH, JR., Secretary.

The Chair: Colorado State Branch, No. 22, Denver. No report. Omaha Philatelic Society, Branch No. 23.

Secretary read report from Omaha Philatelic Society, Branch No. 23.

REPORT OF OMAHA BRANCH No. 23.

To the Board of Vice Presidents:

Omaha Branch No. 23 takes great pleasure in saying that we have had regular meetings during the past year, and wish to report progress in more firmly establishing our Branch among those in our community philatelically inclined. At this writing we have eleven members in good standing.

GEO. MARPLES, President,

R. C. HOYT, Vice President,

H. A. WHIPPLE, Secy. and Treas.

The Chair: If there are no objections the report will be received, and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Milwaukee Branch No. 24.

The Secretary: No report.

The Chair: Louisville Branch No. 26.

The Secretary: Nothing.

The Chair: Berkeley Branch No. 27, Berkeley, California.

The Secretary: Nothing from Berkeley.

The Chair: Springfield Branch No. 28.

Report of Springfield Branch No. 28 was read.

REPORT OF SPRINGFIELD BRANCH No. 28.

Springfield, Mass., August 4, 1910

To the American Philatelic Society:

As the Springfield Stamp Club contains several members who for reasons satisfactory to themselves do not desire to affiliate with our national organization, we have a purely business organization in Branch No. 28 for the transaction of such matters as relate to the American Philatelic Society. This includes all the members of our national society resident in Springfield and Westfield, a few of whom are not members of the Springfield Stamp Club. We meet quarterly and the meetings are purely formal, all miscellaneous matters being left to the local club meetings.

Our membership is twenty, three members having dropped out during the year on account of having given up collecting. Our Branch Sales Manager reports that thirty-six circuits have been received from Mr. Parish and circulated, the sales therefrom amounting to \$281.25.

At the July meeting of the Branch the old board of officers were re-elected and the Secretary authorized to vote the Branch ballot and proxy at the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. STONE, Secretary.

The Chair: If there are no objections that report will be received, and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Cincinnati Branch No. 29.

The Secretary: That has been withdrawn.

The Chair: The charter has been withdrawn. Cleveland Branch No. 30.

Report of Cleveland Branch No. 30 was read by the Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT A. P. S. BRANCH No. 30, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

To the Board of Vice Presidents, The American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—Cleveland Branch No. 30 has held four regular meetings during the past year, at quarterly intervals. These meetings have been of much local interest and, with one exception, very well attended.

Notwithstanding the removal from the city of four of our members, the local membership in the National Society has shown a healthy growth, and we can report the following summary:

Membership August 1st, 1909.....	39
New members admitted	7
Reinstatement	1
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	47
Less removed from city	4
	—
Present membership	43

Respectfully submitted,

CLEVELAND BRANCH No. 30,

By W. H. BARNUM, Clerk.

The Chair: If there are no objections that report will be received, and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Wichita Branch No. 31, Wichita, Kansas. No report. Binghampton Philatelic Society, Branch No. 32.

The Secretary: No report.

The Chair: Philippine Branch No. 33.

The Secretary: No report.

The Chair: Saginaw Stamp Club, No. 34. I understand that the report of that branch will be given later. Los Angeles and Southern California Branch. No report. District of Columbia Branch, No. 36.

Report of District of Columbia Branch No. 36 read by Mr. Morris.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BRANCH, No. 36.

The idea of forming a Branch of the A. P. S. in the District of Columbia was conceived by the six members from Washington while in attendance upon the Atlantic City Convention in 1909, and at the September meeting of the Washington Philatelic Society this idea was proposed to the A. P. S. members in attendance and was accepted by all, the organization was there perfected and officers elected.

The first regular meeting of the Branch was held in November, 1909, at which time it was proposed that a stereopticon lecture be given at the Boys' Y. M. C. A. as an aid to educational work among the same boys. The Chicago Philatelic Society was asked for the loan of their set of slides which was granted, and the lecture was given as planned by the President of our Branch. There were about forty boys present, and following the lecture a boy's stamp club was organized to meet once every two weeks under the leadership of one or more of our members. The same lecture was also given before one of the young men's clubs in a local church. At both lectures the benefits of stamp collecting was pointed out, and to those who were already interested in stamps an appeal was made to affiliate with a Philatelic Society such as ours.

Two other regular meetings were held in February and May. A special meeting was held June 3rd to meet Mr. H. J. Crocker, of San Francisco and to view his wonderful collection of Hawaiians, which he kindly consented to exhibit for it, and to this meeting were invited through the daily papers all persons interested in stamps. Invitations to join the A. P. S. were extended to strangers while awaiting the coming of Mr. Crocker.

A special meeting was held on July 13th, which was to take the place of the regular meeting for August. At this meeting we had the pleasure of listening to what the Educational Committee had accomplished this year, and its plans for the future as explained by one of the members of that committee, Mr. Iver Johnson.

The Branch was organized with a membership of eight, to which has been added nine more, and we have great hopes of a still larger membership this coming year. We were so unfortunate as to lose one member, an officer, by death, Mr. Theodore Sheckels.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. MORRIS, President,
FRANCIS B. WHEATON, Secretary.

The Chair: If there are no objections the report will be received, and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Buffalo Collectors Club No. 37.

Report of Buffalo Collectors Club No. 37 was read by the Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT BUFFALO COLLECTORS' CLUB, BRANCH No. 37.

On the evening of Thursday, November 18th, 1909, seven stamp collectors of Buffalo and vicinity met at 550 Ellicott Square and formed The Buffalo Collectors' Club. Several members were also members of the American Philatelic Society, and application was made for a charter for a branch society, to be known as the Buffalo Collectors' Club Branch.

At the fifth meeting of the Club the charter was received, and the first meeting of the Buffalo Collectors' Club Branch was held. A ballot was taken, and the following officers were elected:

President	F. B. Griffith, Jr.
Vice President	Irving H. Buckminster
Secretary-Treasurer	Warren C. Tudbury
Sales Manager	George B. Graham
Librarian	John W. Schaefer

Of the fourteen members of the Buffalo Collectors' Club, nine are members of The Buffalo Collectors' Club Branch No. 37, all in good standing.

Eleven regular meetings of the Branch have been held. Auction sales were held at three of these meetings.

A resolution endorsing Charles R. Morris for the office of Secretary of the American Philatelic Society was presented and unanimously carried at the fourth meeting of the Branch on March 3rd.

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, except during July and August.

. WARREN C. TUDBURY, Secretary.

The Chair: If there are no objections the report will be received and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. I believe the Spokane Branch is next.

The Secretary: That has just been admitted.

The Chair: No report from them?

The Secretary: No, no report.

The Chair: That completes my list of those who are ready to report. There is still an opportunity for any new business that anyone may wish to introduce. If there is none we are through with our routine for the afternoon. My suggestion would be that we want some time to see that exhibition upstairs that our hosts have provided for us, and I think this would be an excellent opportunity to adjourn and see it.

Mr. Cornwall: I move that we adjourn.

The Chair: Until ten o'clock tomorrow morning, gentlemen, remember, and be here sharp, please, because we will have a lot to do.

The motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock was duly supported, and being put to a vote, the motion prevailed, and the meeting then adjourned.

SESSION OF WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1910.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Mr. Henry N. Mudge.

The Chair: The first business is the supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials.

Supplemental report is read.

CREDENTIALS REPORT No. 2.

August 17, 1910

The committee reports the following additional proxies, the numbers in parenthesis being the total number for each person, including those previously reported:

E. Klein	47	....
F. J. Martin	4	....
H. A. Fowler	16	(42)
L. J. Flerlage	4	....
P. M. Mann	4	(5)
C. V. Webb	5	(6)
W. C. Stone	3	(49)
C. E. Severn	3	(44)
E. M. Carpenter	2	(38)
Alvin Good	2	(12)
Paul Mason	2	....
G. W. Linn	2	(33)
L. G. Quackenbush	1	(2)
Charles Nast	1	(7)
L. C. Hassler	1	(17)
F. E. Bruce	1	....
F. J. Bescher	1	(6)
J. M. Bartels	1	....

William Beukma	1	(21)
H. M. Clark	1	(26)
H. C. Crowell	1	(36)

The 11 proxies held by W. G. Saxton have been transferred to H. A. Fowler, and are included in the above.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chairman.

Mr. Stone: The total number to which each member is entitled will be read later, if occasion demands.

The Chair: There being no assigned matters, the next business in order is that of communications.

The Secretary read the following communications:

Springfield, Mass., August 16, 1910.

H. N. Mudge, Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Mich.

To the President and Members of the A. P. S.:—Greeting from the Springfield Stamp Club.

ROBERT C. MUNROE.

St. Louis, Mo., August 16, 1910.

H. N. Mudge, President A. P. S., Hotel Cadillac, Detroit:

We send our hearty greetings to the parent society in convention assembled.

ST. LOUIS BRANCH, No. 4.

The Chair: Under the head of unfinished business, we have some reports of committees. That of the Educational Committee is now due.

Mr. Hugh M. Clark read report of the Educational Committee.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Educational Committee, long known to all as the National Stamp Committee and later as the Publicity Committee, is not supposed to hide its light under a bushel, but, as a matter of fact, it is expected to turn the most powerful search light of information and knowledge of stamp collecting on that part of the general public that knows nothing of the interest attached to Philately; to educate it; and if possible to make it take part in our interesting and instructive pursuit.

The amount of power that an Educational Committee can turn on to its light and information plant depends entirely on the amount of fuel that it commands in the shape of finances, or, in other words, on the amount of money it has to spend.

The present committee could not get to work and show results until its financial power was turned on; since which, it has gone as far as possible with the limited power at its command, all of which has been consumed, the plant now being idle for lack of fuel.

The work done and results obtained are fully recorded in this, our yearly report, as follows:

Subscriptions.

American Philatelic Society	\$50.00
Wm. Artman	5.00
R. E. Baldwin	2.00
Marvin A. Barlow	1.00
J. M. Bartels Co.....	25.00
A. W. Batchelder	10.00
R. H. Beatty	1.00
Bogert & Durbin	50.00
W. Dwight Burroughs	20.00
B. D. Butler	10.00
Boston Philatelic Society	10.00
E. M. Carpenter	10.00
Chicago Branch No. 1.....	5.00

Hugh M. Clark	5.00
Hugh M. Clark — second donation	5.00
Warren H. Colson	25.00
Henry J. Crocker	3.00
Henry J. Dicke.....	2.00
E. C. Dodd	5.00
H. W. Doscher	5.00
E. P. Douglas	3.00
D. T. Eaton	5.00
H. H. Elliott	2.00
F. E. Farnham	1.00
Leonard Garbaccio	1.00
Leonard Garbaccio — second donation	1.00
Fred Gaerte .....	.50
Garfield-Perry Stamp Club	5.00
G. L. Gilmore	5.00
Alvin Good	2.00
Alvin Good — second donation	3.00
Frank D. Goodhue	5.00
Chas. Gregory	10.00
J. E. Handshaw	5.00
O. S. Hart	5.00
Sol. E. Heineman	5.00
Wm. Herzstock	1.00
C. A. Howes	5.00
Iver R. Johnson	5.00
Iver R. Johnson — second donation	5.00
W. L. Kinhead	1.00
Marks Stamp Co.....	5.00
Mekeels Weekly Stamp News.....	25.00
F. Michael & Bro.....	5.00
Otto Moses	1.00
H. N. Mudge	5.00
C. A. Nast	1.00
Edgar Nelton	1.00
Edgar Nelton — second donation	1.00
New England Stamp Co.	50.00
New England Stamp Co. — second donation.....	32.50
New York Stamp Society	5.00
F. L. Palmer	3.56
W. H. Peckitt	25.00
H. B. Phillips	10.00
D. L. Pickman	20.00
Freeman Putney, Jr.....	10.00
Redfield Publishing Co.....	50.00
F. W. Reid	10.00
W. C. Rhodes	2.00
Jos. Rich	10.00
E. M. Rosenthal	5.00
Scott Stamp & Coin Co.	50.00
Scott Stamp & Coin Co. — second donation.....	32.50
C. E. Severn	5.00
Casper Staub	5.00
A. C. Stewart	5.00
W. C. Stone	2.00

Toledo Stamp Co.....	5.00	
United Stamp Co.....	5.00	
Eugene Wilson	1.00	
P. M. Wolsieffer	15.00	
P. M. Wolsieffer — second donation	10.00	
George Worthington	25.00	\$762.06
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Three subscriptions unpaid		11.00
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Net received		\$751.06

Financial Report.**CREDIT**

Subscriptions	\$751.06	
Publicity Committee of Columbus.....	13.15	
Remittances (stamps rec'd acc. folders).....	16.21	\$780.42

DEBITS**Advertising.**

Jan. 11 Western Newspaper Union.....	\$ 12.00	
Jan. 21 David C. Cook Pub. Co.....	17.10	
Feb. 25 David C. Cook Pub. Co.....	17.10	
Aug. 4 Redfield's Boy Ma.....	50.00	
Aug. 4 B. D. Butler, Prairie Farmer.....	10.00	\$106.20

Educational Folders.

Feb. 10 E. P. Douglas, 1M Phil.....	\$ 20.75	
May 28 Co-operative Press, 1M Phil.....	19.80	
May 28 Co-operative Press, 1M Aust.....	23.00	
Aug. 6 Co-operative Press, 1M each set, Phil., Aust., China	124.25	\$187.80

Stamps for Folders.

Feb. 15 Toledo Stamp Co., 1M Phil.....	\$ 15.00	
June 8 Toledo Stamp Co., 1M Phil.....	15.00	
June 8 Toledo Stamp Co., 1M Aust.....	7.50	
Aug. 4 F. W. Reid, Australia.....	10.00	\$ 47.50

Packets to American Boy Mag.

June 30 10,000 packets—S. S. & C. Co.....	\$130.00
(Of this \$26.00 was incurred by last year's Comm.)	

Electros.

Aug. 6 Co-operative, 30 electros, etc.....	\$ 25.34
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Services of Secretary.

Mch. 5 Hugh M. Clark	\$ 50.00
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Newspaper Articles.

Apr. 20 W. D. Burroughs—Hunting in Africa...	\$ 35.00
May 10 W. D. Burroughs—Nicaragua	35.00
June 21 W. D. Burroughs—Comet	35.00
June 21 W. D. Burroughs—King George	35.00
Aug. 10 W. D. Burroughs—Education story au- thorized	35.00

Aug. 10 W. D. Burroughs—Travel story author- ized	35.00	\$210.00
Postage		\$ 26.68
Post Office Box Rental		12.20
Stationery		16.35
Miscellaneous		11.65
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Deficit		\$ 43.30

We call especial attention to the wide circulation of the Burrough's articles which appeared in practically every large city throughout the United States. While it is impossible to obtain a complete list of all papers using these articles, the following will give one some idea of the immense number of readers who have had placed before them four articles concerning Philately.

Newark (N. J.) Call.	Savannah (Ga.) News
Nashville Banner	New Haven (Conn.) Register
Washington Herald (D. C.)	Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald
Springfield (Ill.) State Register	Cleveland (O.) Leader
Seattle (Wash.) Times	Providence (R. I.) Tribune
Salt Lake Tribune	St. Paul Dispatch
San Antonio Express	Reading (Pa.) Eagle
Baltimore News	Houston Post
Terre Haute (Ind.) Tribune	Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser
Lincoln (Neb.) Journal	Columbus (O.) State Journal
Concord (N. H.) Monitor	New Orleans States
Albany (N. Y.) Knickerbocker Press	Baltimore State
Evansville (Ind.) Journal News	Savannah News
Toledo (O.) Times	Terre Haute (Ind.) Star
Worcester (Mass.) Telegram	Topeka Herald
Los Angeles Times	Portland (Me.) Telegram
Des Moines (Ia.) Register-Leader	Detroit News-Tribune
Boston (Mass.) Herald	Owensboro (Ky.) Inquirer
Milwaukee Sentinel	Waynesboro (Pa.) Herald

This list is far from being complete, as unfortunately all editors do not feel it incumbent on them to acknowledge the use of our articles.

The distribution through the publication "American Boy" has been continued, and 10,000 packets have been supplied by this Committee.

We have on hand for the use of next year's Committee, electros of all folders, cards, envelopes, etc., used in this work, as well as a large quantity of printed folders for which the funds have been lacking with which to purchase the stamps.

We wish to make the following recommendations to the next year's Committee:

That the W. Dwight Burrough's articles be continued;

That the distribution of packets through the American Boy be continued and doubled;

That the distribution of the historical folders be continued on a larger scale;

That the appropriation of the American Philatelic Society be \$50.00.

It will be seen that the committee has not been resting on its oars, and that much thought and time has been expended on details that no one but the initiated can realize.

The committee desires to thank all members who have aided our work in any way, particularly the Territorial Committeemen; also the Philatelic Press which has been more than kind in giving valuable space to our cause.

Particularly efficient service has been rendered this committee by Mr. A. W.

Batchelder, of Boston, who obtained for it nearly one-half of the subscriptions; and to Mr. Iver Johnson, our traveling representative, whose active brain and constant work is responsible for the various new ideas this committee was able to put into working order.

We are also thankful for the able assistance and advice given to us by our worthy and hard working President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

Our fellow member of this committee, Mr. Iver Johnson, has seen fit to prepare a supplementary report, to which the chairman and secretary could take no exception.

Trusting that the work of the committee can be largely increased in the coming year by more power in the shape of increased finances, we remain for the best interest of the Society,

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE,

By its Governing Board,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chairman,
IVER R. JOHNSON,
HUGH M. CLARK.

The Chair: A supplementary report has been mentioned, and we will now hear that in this particular connection:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

You have just heard read the report of the Governing Board of the Educational Committee for the season of 1909 and 1910, and before entering into its consideration, I ask your indulgence for a little while that I may touch upon some points which my colleagues, both of whom are dealers, felt reluctant to do.

The purpose of the Educational Committee is to spread the tidings among the uninitiated of the pleasures and lessons to be learned from stamps, to show that stamp collecting teaches the mind and eye to careful observation, accurate comparison, and just reasoning of the differences and likenesses which they present, and to interest the public in the design or art shown in their creation or manufacture, as well as the history connected with the countries issuing the stamps.

To accomplish this your committee has worked on three separate and distinct lines, namely: First, the distribution of actual stamps to the youth of the country in the form of packets through "The American Boy" and other juvenile papers; second, the publication of newspaper articles on stamps. These articles vary in style and space to such an extent as to continually attract the attention of the daily newspaper reading public. Many a buried and forgotten collection has been brought to light as a result of these articles. Third, the issuance of folders in which the country or group of states, or islands, or other suitable combination is handled along strictly educational lines.

Five genuine stamps are mounted with hinges on each folder whereon is printed a description of the stamps, a brief history of the country, its form of government, people, products and coinage, as well as other interesting data that pertains directly to the subject. With each folder is included a little talk on different phases of stamps, each of which has been written by a Philatelist occupying a prominent position in his own business or professional circles. The distribution of these folders is had by means of advertisements inserted in leading boy's papers and magazines, offering in the name of the Educational Committee, Post Office Box No. 20, Chicago, the first or Philippine folder for a one cent stamp to pay the return postage. Subsequent folders are obtained by enclosing three one cent stamps with information card giving the full name and address, age, and data concerning the size of the recipient's collection, upon receipt of which and at thirty day intervals, the remaining folders are sent out.

In making the nominal charge of three cents for each folder following the first, the old adage of "something for nothing is worth nothing" was in mind, your committee believing that the boy or girl who sent in that amount as an evidence of interest possessed one of the qualities necessary in forming a stamp collection.

This, in brief, is an outline of the work planned for the 1909 and 1910 season, and with which you are more or less familiar, owing to the kindly treatment received at the hands of the Philatelic Press.

You have heard the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer, showing that your committee has been liberally supported in comparison with other years, and this fact leads us to think of what can be accomplished next year by the united support of every one interested. In the years gone by it was the fashion to claim that this work should be conducted by dealers, that it was merely a device to boom the sale of cheap stamps, and that Philately did not benefit from it in any way, etc.

Your committee does not agree with this statement. When you want protection from loss by fire, tornado, personal liability or accident on any of your property, you hunt up an insurance agent and cheerfully pay the premium asked without any question. Your collectors or dealers have at stake hundreds and thousands of dollars worth of stamps, property, which depends for its selling value upon the active demand (as do all commodities) of the buyers. Assuming an improbable premise that one-half the collectors of today should suddenly cease to collect stamps, would not the market price fall in proportion to the increasing supply and lessening demand? Following this further, and assuming that the number of collectors, new recruits, or backsliders brought into the market, has increased by half, would not the resultant diminishing supply of stamps and increasing demand for them increase the value of the holdings of all, whether collector or dealer, in direct proportion to the value of his holdings?

The Educational Committee, considered from the selfish, financial point of view, is like an insurance company issuing a market protective policy, in which you yourself fix the amount of premium you desire to contribute, in order that you may in the future have a market in which you may dispose of your holdings, whether collector or dealer. This, then, forever lays the ghost that has been trotted out on occasions by those who have not sufficiently informed themselves on the subject of Educational Committee work.

As to upon whom should fall the pleasure of contributing to this cost, your committee again repeats, everyone whether collector or dealer, should consider a contribution to this committee in the same light as he does an insurance premium, as a fixed charge to be paid every year.

We have received splendid support during the past year from the large dealers, yeoman service being rendered by Mr. A. W. Batchelder, of Boston, to whom can be traced nearly one-half of the contributions. In this connection, it is well to state that no one has attempted to dictate the policy of your governing board, nor in any manner offered any suggestions, or done anything that the Board of Governors did not first approve. All names and addresses received as a result of our advertising are intact in our files. No one, dealer or collector, has had access to them. This statement is made as a public answer to an oft repeated innuendo, that some of the large dealers were profiting directly at the expense of the smaller contributors, and so forth and so forth. There is no ground for such a statement.

The Committee's thanks are also due to Mr. A. C. Stewart, of Toledo, Ohio, for supplying the stamps nicely mounted with hinges, on the educational folders at the minimum cost. His facilities for doing this kind of work are superior, and his elimination of his profit on the stamps supplied has enabled us to achieve greater results.

Especial attention is called to the fifty dollars contribution of the Redfield Publishing Company, of Smethport, Pennsylvania. This amount was credited to us in the form of advertising space in the Boy's Magazine, and it is only fair to state that

in point of results secured, this contribution was the equivalent to us of five times the amount in cash.

Your Committee feels it necessary to call attention to a certain class of approval selection dealers, who palm labels, revenue stamps and printed matter that resemble postage stamps upon the helpless, innocent and unsuspecting juvenile collectors. To these dealers is given due warning and notice that unless these vicious practices cease, information will be lodged with the United States District Attorney for the District in which they reside, with a view to securing their indictment before a Federal Grand Jury, upon a charge of using the United States Mails for fraudulent purposes. The Educational Committee will not direct this prosecution. We have been informed that it will be taken up by a collector who is very much interested in the matter.

We ask your liberal support for next year's Educational Committee for the following purposes: To distribute 25,000 packets of stamps through juvenile papers; to secure at least twelve Burrough's articles, one each month; to print and to distribute 10,000 sets, 60,000 in all, educational folders; to buy 50,000 celluloid buttons to be given to school boys and worn by them; to support a monthly bulletin of the Educational Committee, plans for which have not been fully matured. To do all this will require about \$2,500. With your earnest support, this amount can be easily and readily raised.

Recommendations: That the present form of organization of the committee be maintained, subject to such alterations and additions in its personnel as the Board of Governors may direct. That the Board of Governors be given full power to appropriate such amount from the contributions as is necessary for expenses; third, that title to all records, etc., lie in the Governing Board. All of which is respectfully submitted.

IVER R. JOHNSON.

(Applause.)

Mr. H. A. Diamant: As my time is a little limited here, I don't know whether I will be able to remain during the entire session. I would like to know whether I will be permitted to make a few remarks on the educational work.

The Chair: If there are no objections. It is not quite in order at this stage, but if there are no objections, you may proceed, Mr. Diamant.

Mr. Diamant: I hardly know how to begin, and if you will allow me, I will relate a little anecdote before I begin to talk. Bill Jones was a lawyer at Washington, a sort of a go as you please lawyer, who made a specialty of divorce cases, breach of promise suits, and so on. He was not very wealthy, was always desirous of securing as many customers as he could—patrons, but he noticed that whenever any men came into the office they were generally bill collectors, or were asking for favors, and so on. Whenever women came in, it meant a fee for him. So he wanted to get out of his trouble, and he tried several ways. At last he conceived the idea of buying a parrot, to teach that whenever a man came in it should say, "Bill Jones is out fishing and won't be back for a week," and whenever a lady came in to say, "just step in here, have a seat; be in in a minute." Things went along swimmingly. He found there was no trouble until one day Dr. Mary Walker came in. The parrot jumped from his perch, walked around there, looked at her very carefully, hopped over to the door and said, "Bill, come out. I can't do this subject justice." I was very much astonished yesterday at the brevity of our Mr. Cornwall's report on the work of the St. Louis Branch of the American Philatelic Society, and I can only say that—

The Chair: Mr. Diamant, if you will excuse me, you are to talk on the subject of the Educational Committee.

Mr. Diamant: This is the Educational Committee.

The Chair: Very well, sir.

Mr. Diamant: And I can only attribute it to the fact that the work is more stupendous than his modesty. St. Louis was honored by my being placed on the

Educational Committee, but owing to the fact that I was very busy, the work was delegated to the St. Louis Stamp Collectors.

I would like to tell you what the St. Louis Stamp Collectors have done on the Educational Committee. We have in St. Louis a large number of stamp collectors. The motto of St. Louis is, "To the front with the business," and the St. Louis Stamp Collectors have come to the front, because we have got today the most energetic, active and conscientious stamp collectors that we have anywhere in comparison to the number. That is evidenced by the fact that a great many of the members of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors are members of the A. P. S.

At the time that we began last year to do work in that way we secured one thousand small approval books. Stamp collectors donated 100 stamps of different kinds that were properly placed in these stamp approval books. They were given to whoever asked for them in St. Louis, and through a chain they were sent all over Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and the west. By establishing the chain, one boy told another one that by making application to any one among the St. Louis Stamp Collectors that they could get one of these books.

These books showed one hundred different stamps, everything donated. Instructions were given that that was the proper way to put stamps in books to preserve them, show that stamps were not to be cut, that is, the perforations were not to be cut. They were not to be trimmed. In fact, all of the rules and regulations that are modernized for the purpose of caring for stamps and keeping them in good condition are shown, so that it educates these boys, and the fact that this is an education to boys is shown by the fact that the St. Louis stamp collectors have invitations from the schools, notably the High School of St. Louis, that they should send at any time, in the afternoon, one of their stamp collectors to the school to lecture on stamps. The principal of the school being interested himself, he is interesting the boys of the school.

I will give you one notable point. A seven year old son of the cashier of the largest bank in St. Louis received one of these little books. He took it home and showed it to his father. His father telephoned me, asked me what kind of a book he should have, that he wanted to begin collecting, and I suggested a cheap book because I did not realize at the time how far it would go. But the father today is spending his time with his boy, and he tells me that his boy is going to be a big man, because he agrees with remarks that were made by General Coolidge that the boy who has a fad will keep off the streets, and the man who has a fad can be trusted, and I agree with him. I am in business in St. Louis, in a large business. I trust a great many people, but I would today sooner trust a man who has a fad than one who does not have a fad, because very seldom you will find that they drink or gamble.

I myself collected postage stamps, began when I was too small to remember, and I am collecting them today, and I am proud to say that among my acquaintances the stamp collectors are my best friends, because they have kept out of the streets and they are honorable business men.

Now, I want to say that the education of the boy is a great factor. Mr. Lewis tells me that his boy knows more about geography than he does, and although he is in one of the very minor departments of the school, the smallest where they study, in geography he is the first in his school. But, if I am permitted to say for a moment, I am afraid these older collectors are not as particular about education as the younger collectors, because last night I was remarkably astonished, and even wondered at myself, because sitting beside the auctioneer there were seven or eight collectors who did not know whether the two dollar had Madison or Marshall on the face. I was in doubt myself when I heard of the controversy. (Laughter.) This is a fact, and I can prove it by everyone present that heard the auction sale last night.

We have a little education in our stamp society in St. Louis. We try to educate our own collectors by offering prizes donated by members for contests, and we have contests. One of our contests was for the member to receive five dollars worth of stamps, for their selection out of our books containing the donations, if they could tell us the names of the parties who are on the current issue of United States Stamps. I would hate to tell you the results, but I know boys that can tell us, and why? Because they are being educated as your Educational Committee tell you, starting them in early and letting them benefit by geography and history and everything else, and if the Educational Committee can work on those lines, through newspaper lines, through circulars, impress upon the older people, the fathers, the uncles, the brothers, that the boys and girls can become better educated through the study of stamps than in any other way, that they can become interested, and they can become valuable citizens of the United States, that is the work of the Educational Committee is going to find its best work.

Now, I just mentioned what the St. Louis Society was doing just to kind of square myself with the Educational Committee. I want to say to you that we have got real hard workers in our society. To give you an illustration: Our secretary was crushed by a street car. We thought that he would die. He is a fine collector, good fellow. He thinks more of collecting stamps than anything else. When he was lying on his bed we went up to see him, when he didn't know but what his next hour was to be his last. He was wondering all the time, asking whether in his damaged condition his value would be destroyed, or whether if he could be repaired he would be worth anything. He used to say to us, "I only live for my stamps." He is alone in this country. He says, "My best friends have always been my stamp collectors," and he does the work in educating the people. We in St. Louis have got men who are interested in stamps, who are working for the benefit of the stamp community, and I want to say to you, that you will hear before the year is out of more work that we are doing, of the timber that we are going to put among our officers. (Applause.)

The Chair: I am sure, gentlemen, that this second supplementary report of the Educational Committee, Mr. Diamant being a member of that Committee, has proven of interest to you, and we hope a profit to the cause. That portion of the Educational Committee's report pertaining to recommendations will be referred, if there are no objections, to the Committee on Resolutions. The portion pertaining to finance will be referred to the Committee on Finance.

I should have announced beginning the regular business the following changes in committees:

Mr. Saxton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, being obliged to go home, Mr. H. C. Beck is appointed in his place. Mr. H. C. Beck is removed from the Next Convention Committee, and in his place Mr. W. C. Rhoades is appointed. Mr. Paul Mason, who was appointed to the Branch Society Committee, not having reached the city, Mr. L. C. Hassler will be appointed in his place.

Mr. Secretary, have you the Librarian's report?

The Secretary: Yes. Reads Librarian's report.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 29, 1910.

To the Secretary of the American Philatelic Society,

Sir:—I have the honor to present the following report of the work of the library during the past year.

During the year 50 volumes have been added, making the total number 392. Of the volumes added 32 were received from Mr. H. E. Deats, and were chiefly lacking volumes of periodical sets. The library also contains many pamphlets, which

are kept accessible in temporary binders. The entire collection of books and pamphlets is in good condition and available upon demand.

I wish again to call attention to the need mentioned in my last report, for a fund for the purchase and binding of books. While the Library consists only of gifts it is certain that the collection will lack some important works and will not be a well balanced one. The amount needed annually probably would be small, as there are not many expensive books, but it is essential that the fund be available when desirable books are found.

The catalogue appended, which has just been issued, contains the collection and will be sent to all members of the Society. This has been compiled and printed at no cost to the Society. The want list which accompanies the catalogue shows the items needed to complete the periodical sets. It has been printed in the hope that various members will be able to present these items to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON M. CRAVER,

Librarian American Philatelic Society.

The Chair: The report of the Librarian, if there are no objections, will be referred to the Committee on Library. I believe that all reports of Committees and officers that are available have now been disposed of, and we will return to the reports of branch societies, some having come in. Chicago Branch No. 1.

Report of Chicago Branch No. 1 is read.

REPORT OF CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

The Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Society herewith submits by its President and Secretary its report for the past year.

There has been a regular meeting held on the second Wednesday of each month; also one special meeting on June 29th. The average attendance has been thirteen.

An entertainment, exhibition, or contest of philatelic nature has been provided for nearly every meeting.

On January 12th it was unanimously voted that the Chicago Branch in conjunction with the Chicago Philatelic Society invite the American Philatelic Society at Detroit to hold the 1911 convention in Chicago.

The membership, active and passive, is now forty, and the financial condition of the Branch is good. All indications point to the coming year as a most memorable and prosperous one.

Respectfully,

L. C. WHITAKER, President,

HUGH M. CLARK, Sec.-Treas.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the report of Chicago Branch No. 1 will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Have you any other reports, Mr. Secretary?

The Secretary: Report of the Saginaw Branch. Reads report.

REPORT OF THE SAGINAW BRANCH.

Saginaw, Mich., August 13, 1910.

H. S. Adair, Secretary of American Philatelic Society,

Dear Sir:—In compliance with the rules of the A. P. S., the Saginaw Stamp Collector's Club, Branch No. 34, of the A. P. S., report that they have held since January 1st to July 1st, 1910, twenty-six regular meetings.

MAX. P. HEAVENRICH, Secretary.

The Chair: If there are no objections, this report will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. That completes the unfinished business.

Mr. Hassler: I want to make the report for Louisville Branch No. 26. Reads report.

REPORT OF LOUISVILLE BRANCH No. 26.

The members, nine in number, of Louisville Branch No. 26, held meetings during the past year following the regular ones of the Louisville Philatelic Club.

There does not seem to be the same philatelic enthusiasm in the South that exists in the North and East, because there are so few philatelists known, but as we have gotten acquainted with some, hope to learn of more new collectors, and look forward to a successful year.

By L. C. HASSLER.

The Chair: The report of the Louisville Branch will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies, if there are no objections. Are there any other Branch reports on the floor that have not been handed to the Secretary?

General Coolidge: Secretary's report, Detroit Branch No. 25. Reads report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT DETROIT BRANCH No. 25.

The Detroit Branch No. 25 of the American Philatelic Society herewith submits by its President and Secretary its report for the past year.

The Society from October 8th, 1909 to 13th of May, 1910, held fourteen meetings.

The Society has at this time forty-two (42) active and one honorary member, Hon. Homer Warren, Post Master. We have lost one member by death, Alfred K. Kiefer, and one member from removal from the State. Ten new members have been admitted during the year.

The meetings, both business and social, have been well attended.

The auction sales always cause spirited bidding.

Papers, talks and exhibits have been given during the year as follows:

By

Mr. John Alion, "Postal Laws of India."

Mr. Rice on Color.

Mr. Edgar Nelton exhibited his Covers and "British Colonials."

Mr. S. E. Heineman on Bluing of the Penny Reds.

Mr. O. S. Hart exhibited his famous New York 5's and two volumes of U. S.

Respectfully,

C. A. COOLIDGE, President,
S. E. HEINEMAN, Secretary.

The Chair: If there are no objections, this report will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Are there any other branch societies that have not reported? If not, that completes the unfinished business, and new business is now in order. Is there any new business? If not we will proceed to reports of committees. Reports of standing committees. Are there any reports ready? Mr. Cornwall are you ready?

Mr. Cornwall: I have written up several resolutions, but I would like to submit them to my associates, if we can get together some place.

The Chair: If there are no objections, gentlemen, I would suggest that we take a recess of ten minutes in order that that may be done, for if there is not any business to be presented on the floor, we have got to those reports, and we have for the time being nothing to do.

General Coolidge: I just wish to announce to the Society that we will have the photograph taken in front of the Museum of Art here at twelve o'clock, and we want everybody present. I am sorry there is such a small attendance here this morning. I hope they will come before twelve o'clock. At half past one the boat, the Sappho, will start from the foot of Woodward Avenue, for Lake St. Clair, and return to Belle Isle. We want everybody present at half past one. We want the boat to start promptly on time, because we have got a long voyage to get back.

The Chair: I would say that during this recess of ten minutes, which I now declare, that the chairmen of committees who have not the papers that are due them, if they will come here I will give them their proper documents.

(Recess of ten minutes.)

The Chair: The Convention will please come to order. I would like to say that I wish the Committee on By-laws would bear in mind that this evening is our evening to work, and to keep in touch with me to get at it as soon as may be practicable after dinner tonight. We may have a very long session. When you get down on Belle Isle, do not run away so I cannot find you, that is all. Please come to order now. Has the Resolutions Committee anything to report?

Mr. Cornwall reads the following resolutions:

Agreeable to the suggestions contained in the President's report, your Committee on Resolutions recommend the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED, That the committee heretofore appointed to compile "A Reference List of the Adhesive Postage Stamps of the United States" be continued under the original resolution.

Mr. Stone: I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion being duly seconded, was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the Educational Committee be continued along the lines formulated at the Atlantic City Convention, with such modifications as may be recommended in its main and supplemental reports, and that \$50.00 be appropriated for its use.

General Coolidge: I move it be accepted and adopted, Mr. President.

This motion being duly supported, was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the fourth number of the Quarterly be published prior to September 1, 1910.

Mr. Cornwall: In regard to this I wish to say that there is something like \$132 in the hands of the postmaster at Columbus, deposited there to cover the mailing of the first three numbers of the Quarterly. If we complete our volume prior to September 1, 1910, we will be entitled to second class rates, and the amount now on deposit there will about cover the cost of the fourth number. As I understand it, the matter to be put into the fourth number is now in the hands of the President, so that it can be issued promptly.

Mr. Iver Johnson: I move the adoption of the resolution:

This motion being duly supported, was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the Hand Book Committee be continued under the resolution pertaining thereto.

A motion was made by General Coolidge and duly supported that the resolution be adopted, and being put to a vote by the Chair, the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: "RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be given to the Legislative Committee for the earnest efforts extended to accomplish the purpose for which it was created, and that no new committee of this committee be appointed.

That resolution, gentlemen, means that the Legislative Committee did its work, worked hard, but they were unable to get the Post Office authorities to agree that it was practicable to permit the publication or illustration of articles on United States stamps by cuts showing those stamps. This resolution not only thanks that committee for its efforts, but carries with it the suggestion that no new committee be appointed, because we feel that their efforts were futile and it would be useless to continue the committee.

Mr. Morris: I move the adoption of this resolution.

This motion being duly supported was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That a committee, to be known as the 25th Anniversary Committee be appointed, the number and personnel of said committee to be left to the President, to carry out the general plan as contained in the report of the committee of a similar name; That a hearty vote of thanks be given the aforesaid first committee and particularly its chairman, for the careful and painstaking labor which marks the thoroughness of its labors; that said first, or suggesting committee be discharged; that \$250.00 be made immediately available to the committee to be appointed with which to fittingly celebrate our 25th Anniversary, and that the Board of Directors be authorized to appropriate, if necessary, additional sums to carry on the work of said committee as may be required from time to time.

General Coolidge: Will that additional sum be limited?

Mr. Cornwall: It is not so limited in the recommendation.

General Coolidge: I see it is not, and I think it would be advisable that a limitation should be set.

Mr. Cornwall: With regard to the resolution which we offer, I wish to say this, that the regulations of the Post Office authorities prevent us from having an official organ. We see from the report of the twenty-fifth anniversary committee that they contemplate expending about \$750. A greater part of this will be obtained by personal subscriptions, advertisements and so on. What we want to do is to enable the new committee to be appointed to get to work. It will require at least a year in which to perform their labors and do them properly. To do that we give them \$250 now. We don't want to give them any more. We want them to work, but we want to encourage them to work, and we want them to feel that when they start to work that the American Philatelic Society is back of them. It is under our auspices, and we want to make this the banner event of the history of the association. If we limit the directors, in the event that the directors are called upon for an additional amount, I think that the limit should be placed high enough so that we will not be hampered in our labors, and the committee will not be hampered in its labors. On the other hand, I think that the directors have an idea of the finances of the society and to what extent they can go. They perhaps know more of the amount that they can spend than the committee who would have the work in charge. My original thought was to limit the directors, and in conversation with our president, he suggested that we do not do so, because we want the committee to work, and if the committee felt that the directors had appropriated a definite sum for their disposal, that then they might feel free to draw on that sum and not work to get any money from the outside. That, of course, is pretty hard on the committee, because we expect them to work, and we feel that they will work. But the directors I think will safeguard the finances of the society, and we would like to have the matter left as it is, but that, of course, is for your discretion.

Mr. Hopkins: I move the adoption of the resolution as read.

This motion being duly supported, was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the general plan of the recommendations contained in the letter of Iver R. Johnson, set forth in the President's report, be followed as far as practicable.

That letter refers to the establishment of a uniform system of blanks, and looks toward the formulation of a system of doing business in the secretary's office, which I believe would be most desirable. The situation, as I understand it, which has confronted us for some time is this, that every secretary had his own ideas of printing application blanks and other stationery, and when a new secretary came in he did not feel bound to follow the forms adopted by his predecessor. He, therefore, discarded those forms, and started on an entirely new set of forms for his own use

and according to his own ideas. Now, if we unify those forms, if the secretary orders five thousand application blanks and only one thousand are used, then he hands down four thousand to his successor, and his successor is bound to use those. We want to get the best forms available, and after we get them, we want to stick to them. Of course, they may be subject to change, but when a change is effected or asked for, it is subject to the approval of the governing board of your society. That is what this resolution refers to.

General Coolidge: May I ask who is to adopt the system of blanks?

The Chair: General Coolidge, I don't know exactly. It is all right and very proper and nice of this committee to make that report, but my recollection is that that was referred to the By-laws Committee, but it is a matter that will be threshed out in detail by the By-laws Committee, in consultation with the secretary and treasurer elect. It will come before the house again in detail.

General Coolidge: I just wanted to know in detail whether there would have to be a committee appointed especially for the purpose by the president or by the house.

The Chair: That comes under the By-laws Committee.

Mr. Cornwall: We simply recommend the adoption.

Mr. Whitaker: In regard to the wording of that resolution, as far as practicable I think that should be cut out from that, and that this organization should authorize the suggestions as made by the committee or the sub-committee. They ought to authorize that work to be performed.

The Chair: I would say, Mr. Whitaker, if you will allow me, that it is not quite understood, the process probably that that will go through. That comes before. It is all a matter of being introduced and discussed, threshed over, and introduced into the by-laws. This is simply a preliminary proposition. It is being properly taken care of, and will be brought before the house again. The details will come up through the By-Laws Committee.

Mr. Whitaker: That will be satisfactory: If it is not satisfactory then we can amend it. Is that the idea?

The Chair: Yes, if it is not satisfactory then you can amend it. It will not come in this shape again, but it will be in detailed shape.

Mr. Cornwall: The By-laws Committee will have that, and rather than bind the By-laws Committee down to a literal following of the suggestions, we added the words, "as far as practicable."

Mr. Whitaker: That is satisfactory. I just wanted to understand it.

The Chair: You have heard the resolution, gentlemen.

Mr. Kissinger: I move the adoption of the resolution.

This motion being duly supported, was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

The Chair: Mr. Cornwall.

Mr. Cornwall: That is all for the present Mr. President.

The Chair: Is there any other committee that is ready to report?

Mr. Johnson: Mr. President, did I understand Mr. Cornwall to say that that was all? Have you no further resolutions to report on later?

Mr. Cornwall: We have other resolutions which we have not been able to discuss among ourselves. These are all that have been agreed upon by your committee.

The Chair: I would suggest, gentlemen, unless there is some other business, that we are within ten minutes of the time when General Coolidge tells us that he wishes this convention adjourned for the forenoon, in order that there may be no confusion in connection with the taking of the official picture. As there is no other business, a motion to adjourn will be in order, until what time this afternoon on the boat, gentlemen, shall we say? Or shall it be subject to call?

General Coolidge: Half past one.

The Chair: Subject to call this afternoon on the boat.

General Coolidge: Will all the members come out on the front steps of the Museum of Art as soon as possible, and get into position with a proper smile on your faces to have the photograph taken? At half past one the boat will leave promptly from the foot of Woodward Avenue.

Thereupon the convention adjourned to meet on board the steamer Sappho in the afternoon at the call of the President.

SESSION ON STEAMER SAPPHO.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 17th.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: The first business is the supplementary report of the Credentials Committee.

Mr. Stone: No further report.

The Chair: Communications?

The Secretary: Nothing.

The Chair: Reports of committees. Has the Resolutions Committee anything further?

Mr. Cornwall reads the following: RESOLVED, That the American Philatelic Society recognize the existence of the American Philatelic Literature Society, and that a membership in the same be taken.

A motion was made and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and being put to a vote by the Chair, the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring Recruiting Committee, and particularly its chairman, and that a similar committee be appointed and that \$100.00 be appropriated to its use.

Mr. Cornwall: In this connection I will say that last year we appropriated \$150 for the use of the Recruiting Committee and they spent less than \$100. We therefore recommend the appropriation of \$100 this year.

General Coolidge: I move the resolution be adopted.

The motion being supported was put to a vote by the Chair, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the Board of Vice Presidents be authorized to continue its work in running down cases of substitution, and that any money to be expended in this work be authorized by the Board of Directors.

General Coolidge: I move the resolution be adopted.

This motion being supported was put to a vote by the Chair and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the International Secretary be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer, with the approval of the President, such amounts as may be necessary to advertise in Foreign journals as per his report.

It was moved and supported that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Wilson: What is that for?

The Chair: It is to advertise in foreign papers the advantages of being a member of the American Philatelic Society. You have heard the resolution in regard to the International Secretary being authorized to advertise in foreign journals.

A Member: An unlimited amount?

Mr. Cornwall: No, it is a nominal amount.

The motion being put to a vote by the chair the motion carried.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the design of the badge submitted by General Coolidge be published in the official journal, and members invited to submit other designs and express their opinion to the Board of Vice Presidents thereon, who shall make arrangements with some manufacturer to make the selected badge and sell the same to members upon receipt of the price therefor.

Mr. Cornwall: I simply want to say, gentlemen, as General Coolidge has explained, that there are good reasons why we should have some designating emblem, and I think on occasions similar to this Detroit convention that such an emblem would be very valuable to incoming members. This is not an official badge of the Association. The Society asks that designs be submitted to the Board of Vice Presidents, who will select a design and make arrangements for some manufacturer to furnish that design to members at so much per badge, in whatever form the designs are made. That leaves the Society still free, if at any time it wishes to have an official emblem, to adopt one.

Mr. Johnson: I suggest that the name of the Philatelic paper be eliminated, and that there be substituted therefor the words "Official Journal."

Mr. Cornwall: I will accept the suggestion.

The Chair: You have heard the resolution, gentlemen, in regard to plans for giving those who desire to wear an emblem of the Society an opportunity to do so. General Coolidge: I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion being duly seconded was put to a vote by the chair and the motion prevailed.

The Chair: Is the Committee on Branch Societies ready to report?

Mr. Clark read the following report of Committee on Branch Societies:

COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Detroit, Mich., August 17, 1910.

American Philatelic Society:

Your Committee on Branch Societies begs leave to report that eleven branch societies have made reports this year, viz.:

Chicago Branch, No. 1, with 40 members.

St. Louis Branch, No. 4, with 10 members.

Philadelphia Branch, No. 18, with 27 members.

Omaha Philatelic Society, No. 23, with 11 members.

Detroit Philatelic Society, No. 25, with 42 members.

Louisville Branch, No. 26, with 9 members.

Springfield Branch, No. 26, with 20 members.

Cleveland Branch, No. 30, with 43 members.

Saginaw Branch, No. 34, with 10 members.

District of Columbia Branch, No. 36, with 16 members.

Buffalo Collectors' Club, No. 37, with 9 members.

It is with regret that we find that less than half of the branch societies have made reports; and we suggest that the Board of Vice Presidents notify the secretaries of the branch societies thirty days before the annual convention that a report is expected in order to complete the records.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. COOLIDGE, Presiding,

L. C. HASSLER,

HUGH M. CLARK.

A motion was made and duly supported that the report be accepted, which motion was put to a vote by the chair and the motion prevailed.

The Chair: Is the Committee on Sales Department ready to report?

The following report of Committee on Sales Department was read by Mr. Parker:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SALES DEPARTMENT.

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Sales Department beg leave to report that on the matter of making suggestions or recommendations looking toward the suppression of the substitution evil, it awaits the outcome of the decoy circuits which Mr. Par-
rish is now circulating.

We consider it unwise to increase the percentage charged for insurance until it has been determined if the evil of substitution can be eliminated through the methods now being tried by the Sales Superintendent.

We commend and congratulate the Sales Superintendent upon the splendid showing made during the past year.

This Committee did not check the accounts because the report of the Auditing Committee shows that it did the work and found the statement correct.

We recommend to the By-Laws Committee that the Board of Vice-Presidents be authorized to offer a reward not exceeding \$50.00 leading to the conviction of substitutors.

E. T. PARKER, Chairman,
CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER,
S. B. HOPKINS.

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Committee on Sales Department. What is your pleasure?

General Coolidge: I move that the report be accepted.

This motion being supported was put to a vote by the chair and the motion prevailed.

The Chair: Is the Committee on Library ready to report?

The following report of Committee on Library was ready by Mr. Linn:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Detroit, Mich., August 17, 1910.

The Committee on Library considered the reports referred to them and would recommend that an appropriation of \$50.10 be made for the purchase of volumes one and two of the Journal of The Philatelic Literature Society, Volumes 13 to 16 of the London Philatelist, and such other books as he may deem advisable for the Library.

We urge that members of the Society carefully examine the catalogue and want list issued by our librarian, and to read at once such periodicals as they may be able to supply, to fill gaps in our files.

We also urge the members to make more use of the Library. It is also hoped that members will be patriotic enough to send to our librarian any book or pamphlet which they may publish.

We further recommend that the editor of the Quarterly endeavor to make arrangements to exchange the Quarterly and any other publication of the Society with other publishers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. LINN, Chairman,
E. L. FISCHER,
PERCY McG. MANN,

Committee on Library.

The Chair: Mr. Linn, did you have the International Secretary's report?

Mr. Linn: Yes.

The Chair: He asked for the purchase of certain books. Is that covered in there?

Mr. Linn: The journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, first two volumes.

The Chair: Yes. That is covered in there?

Mr. Linn: That is covered in there.

The Chair: You have heard the report, gentlemen, of the Committee on Libraries. What is your pleasure?

It was moved and supported that the report be accepted, and being put to a vote by the chair, the motion prevailed.

The Chair: Gentlemen, in that connection I want to say that there is a resolution that was carried last year for the Librarian by which he was authorized to draw as needed to the extent of fifty dollars for the purpose of binding books. He apparently did not understand it, as I recall no vouchers having gone through whatever for any work of that kind. On the contrary, I received a letter from the assistant librarian which led me to believe that possibly certain work has not been done on account of the Librarian not understanding that he was authorized to go ahead and do this work and draw on the society for the amount up to fifty dollars. I think he had an idea he was to be given fifty dollars, but that we do not do. This that we have just done gives him authority to expend a certain amount for the purchase of books, and he is up in the air on binding those books. I would suggest that the question of binding books, the question which was up last year, is worthy of consideration in this connection. That is, he was given authority to draw to the extent of fifty dollars for the purpose of binding, not purchasing, and furthermore the Board of Directors were allowed to increase that amount to I think \$100, if necessary. The idea was that we would allow him to be sure of but fifty dollars.

A Member: Fifty dollars annually?

The Chair: No, it was for the last year.

Member: Just for the one year?

The Chair: It was for the last year and he did not use it.

Member: Where is the fifty dollars going to come from?

The Chair: That is for you to consider.

Mr. Linn: If I recall aright, it seems to me that there was nothing on hand that was in shape to bind.

The Chair: That may be, and yet he distinctly asked for the binding last year. He has not sent in any bill for doing so.

Mr. Linn: Probably an oversight.

Mr. Whitaker: Relative to the expense attached to this matter, I think the committee who has charge of this badge could arrange so that a sufficient revenue could be derived from the sale of these badges to defray the expense incurred in such work as that. The cost of making one of those celluloid badges is small, and I don't know of anyone connected with the society who would not be willing to pay a fair price for one. In my estimation I think that revenue could be applied in that way, if necessary.

The Chair: Mr. Whitaker, that is hardly to the point in this connection. It is a far cry between the two propositions. This is a question of allowing a certain amount of money to be used by the Librarian for the purpose of binding books, whereas in the badge proposition we at least cannot assume what we will do with any profits until it is clearly demonstrated that there will be profits. But aside from that, it is not my understanding that as the badge proposition will be worked out that there will be any profit whatever to the society. It will be a question of the manufacturer giving a price and we telling you where you can get a badge for a given price of the manufacturer. Consequently the two do not blend together.

Mr. Whitaker: My only point is here. There is no question from the statements made here but what we need revenue, and through my connection with other organizations I know that this badge proposition is one whereby a revenue may be derived. I do not see why we should not take advantage of the circumstances coming up at this present time, where we have a committee appointed to adopt a badge, with full authority to act, why that should not be worked out to give this organization a benefit. I think a material sum might be raised without any objection from any individual member of the organization, which could be applied to the general fund or any specific enterprise that might be necessary.

The Chair: Mr. Whitaker, I could say in that connection I think very properly that it would be the province of the vice presidents to whom this matter has been

referred, to consider in connection with their investigation as to whether it could be turned into a source of profit. But that has nothing to do at this stage with the question of binding books for the library.

Mr. Whitaker: Then I would ask if this money could be taken from the general fund?

The Chair: Yes. That is where it would have to be taken from. Do you mean for the binding of the books?

Mr. Whitaker: For the binding of the books.

The Chair: Surely.

Mr. Whitaker: If it is to be taken from the general fund, I think it is a matter of sufficient importance to warrant the expenditure of the sum necessary.

The Chair: If you will give your attention for a moment, gentlemen, to a special matter. Mr. Beck.

Mr. Howard C. Beck, Detroit: The Bard of Avon once wrote "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances." This play has been going on now for some six thousand years. The scene was originally laid down in the Valley of the Euphrates River. As the years rolled by the scene was gradually shifted, as westward the Star of Empire took its way, first into Africa and Europe, and then in the course of some thousands of years, to America. A great many stirring scenes and incidents during this long drama have taken place. But the scene did not stop there. Some ten years or more ago it leaped clear across the Pacific Ocean when one day the people of the world were electrified by the report that their representatives, who were locked up in the city of Pekin, China, were cut off from any communication with their homes or their friends. After extraordinary efforts had been made to establish a line of communication with them, and in response to the directions of their respective governments, troops of the United States, of Japan, of Italy, of Germany, England, France and Russia surrounded that famous old city. The first person who succeeded in making his entrance to that city was at the head of the United States troops, and we also may be well proud of the fact that that same individual is at the head of the Detroit branch of the American Philatelic Society. (Applause.) And it was largely through his efforts and his industry and the courageous men who were behind him that the secrets of the Forbidden City were unveiled to the world, which had been for so long a time kept hidden from the "Foreign Devils" who surrounded it. We, therefore, thought it was not more than proper at this time that General Coolidge should receive as a reminder of that famous trip and that wonderful experience, a little souvenir, and that the souvenir should also, in his declining years, call to mind the twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society which met in Detroit in August, 1910, and which he has presided over so gracefully. I, therefore, have great pleasure, General, on behalf of the Detroit Philatelic Society, in presenting to you a picture, which we shall be pleased to have you hang up among the other curios and mementoes of that great experience in the City of Pekin, and that you may always call to mind the friends who were responsible for it.

Amid applause the picture was presented to General Coolidge.

General Coolidge: Mr. President and gentlemen of the Detroit Philatelic Society and members of the A. P. S., this just takes the hair right off the top of my head. The eloquence of my friend here has overpowered me, as this picture overpowered me as I saw it yesterday. I told my wife I was never the victim of such a terrible thing in my life. "Why," my wife says, "that is a good likeness of you." (Laughter.) I appreciate the courtesy and kindness of my Detroit friends, and also the reception which you have accorded me, and I know that my wife, as well as myself, will be very much pleased with this souvenir that is before you, and I thank the Detroit Philatelic Society exceedingly, and the gentleman for having made that beautiful speech in my behalf. That is great (pointing to picture). Isn't that a base libel?

I have a strong idea who the perpetrators are, and I think that I would be sustained in a big libel suit. If anybody can put the libel big enough I will start it going. (Laughter).

The Chair: The Committee on Finance I understand is not ready to report until tomorrow. Is that right, Mr. Beck?

Mr. Howard C. Beck: They will report tomorrow, Mr. Chairman.

The Chair: The By-Laws Committee will also report tomorrow. While it is not customary to have a report from the Committee on the Next Convention on Wednesday, is there any reason why we cannot have it? If they are not ready, all you have got to do is to say so.

Mr. Fowler: We have no report ready.

A Member: How does the matter stand on the binding proposition?

Mr. Stone: It carried.

The Chair: No, there was no motion.

Mr. Whitaker: In view of the situation, I would make a motion that the recommendation as submitted by the President be adopted by this association, and that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the purpose of binding the books.

The Chair: I did not recommend it, Mr. Whitaker. I simply called attention to the fact that there has been standing this permission which will now lapse by limitation. I call the attention of the convention to that fact for such action as you may see fit to take.

Mr. Whitaker: In view of the fact that such action is in my estimation necessary for the proper preservation of the papers and books, I move that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the purpose of binding these volumes.

General Coolidge: I second that motion.

The Chair: It is moved and supported that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the use of the librarian for the purpose of binding books. Those in favor will signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. The motion is carried. Is there any new business? There are two appropriations now for the library, one for purchasing and one for binding.

A Member: Where are they going to get the money?

General Coolidge: That was provided last year.

Mr. Howard C. Beck: I desire to say, gentlemen, that to our regret it will be necessary for you to walk up to the Casino, which is just a short distance from the boat landing. The last boat leaves the island at 10:30 and the draw to the bridge is opened at I think 11 o'clock, so that if anybody is left on the island after that hour it will be necessary for them to stay on the island all night. I don't want to urge you to hurry home at all, but I simply desire to say further in that connection that the motor-cycle squad of the police department are equipped with bulls-eye lanterns on their machines, and they make a practice of making the rounds of the island every night from nine to eleven o'clock, to see if they can find anybody under the bushes. (Laughter.) I simply want to put you on your guard.

Mr. Whitaker: In regard to the question of revenue for this organization, it does seem to me that with all the bright minds I see around me here, who will readily realize the necessity for some revenue, it really seems to me that a scheme can be devised whereby sufficient membership can be obtained in a short time so as to increase the revenues sufficiently to make up the present deficit to meet any expense which this convention may incur. If by any possible means it should happen that there could be no money derived from the sale of these badges, I think that some committee should be formed to boost the membership, revenue to be derived from that sufficient to meet these necessary expenses. I realize that while this committee on membership has been active in the last year and have done all that they could, still I think that the individual members of this organization should take an interest themselves, and if they incur expense, that they bring a sufficient

number of new members in order to take care of any particular object that they might have in increasing this amount of money or this deficit. I think that we have bright enough minds here to devise schemes or ways of deriving this revenue, so that whatever amount we may expend here will not be felt by this organization. I know that the secretary of the Chicago organization is full of all kinds of schemes whereby money can be made and interest aroused, and I think it is up to him to do his share towards gaining a revenue for the organization. I will do my share.

The Chair: Any further remarks, gentlemen, on the part of anyone?

Mr. Severn: Many members of this organization are also members of the American Numismatic Association. A proxy has instructed me to suggest to the convention the propriety of having the annual conventions of both of these bodies in the same city at approximately the same time. It is his thought that such an arrangement, if carried out, would be to the advantage of both organizations. On behalf of this proxy I present such a suggestion, at least for discussion, or for disposition in some way.

Mr. Morris: I have one proxy also who wished me to express the same sentiment at this convention, a Numismatist of Washington, that the two national bodies should properly meet at the same place and the same time, and that overtures should be made to the American Numismatic Society looking to that end.

Mr. Rice: I was secretary of the Numismatic Society for several years, and a delegate to a number of their conventions. I don't think that anything would please those who are members of both organizations better than to have the conventions on consecutive days, have two or three days for one society and two or three for the other, at the same place at the same time. A great many are members of both societies. I am very sure that the attendance would be increased at both conventions if they were held in the same city at approximately the same time.

The Chair: Any further remarks?

Mr. Severn: I make a motion that a committee be appointed by this organization to confer with a committee which I anticipate will be appointed at the convention of the A. N. A., which is to be held this or next week in New York City, whereby a plan will be thoroughly discussed, and in case the committee appointed by you sees fit, that they be empowered to make an arrangement that would receive your approval. In other words, your approval would be a check, and it would be so understood by the committee. My idea is to have this committee appointed at this convention so that the committee may confer with the committee in prospect to be appointed by the A. N. A., that the matter be thoroughly discussed, but final action, of course, would have the sanction as it would in ordinary cases of the presiding officer, yourself.

The Chair: The final decision in that matter would rest with the board of directors, who fix the date of our meeting.

Mr. Severn: I specify the board of directors by saying "you."

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion.

General Coolidge: I second it. Is it understood that it is the board of directors? I would like to make that change.

Mr. Severn: I meant the board of directors when I mentioned the head.

The Chair: You hear the motion, gentlemen. It is moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Those in favor will signify by saying aye. The motion is carried.

Thereupon a motion was made and supported that the convention adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning, which motion was put to a vote and the motion prevailed.

SESSION OF THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18th.

The convention was called to order at 10 A. M. by President Mudge, who called for the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Stone:

CREDENTIALS REPORT No. 3.

August 18, 1910.

The committee reports the following additional proxies:

H. A. Fowler	1	(43)
W. H. Barnum	1	(17)

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chairman.

The Chair: Has the Secretary a completed list?

The Secretary: I have one which I can complete if necessary in a moment.

The Chair: Communications are next in order.

The following communication from H. B. Philips was read:

San Francisco, Calif., August 17, 1910.

Henry N. Mudge, President American Philatelic Society,

Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Mich.:

Pacific Philatelic Society in monthly meeting assembled around the festive board sends hearty greetings and best wishes for successful convention. And invites the attention of all members of our society to the Panama Pacific International Exhibition at San Francisco in 1915, and convention of the American Philatelic Society at same place and time.

H. B. PHILLIPS, Vice President.

The Chair: Unfinished business is next in order. If there is no unfinished business, we will hear the report of the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary: Mr. Beck, the chairman of the Finance Committee is not here, but he has a report ready and will be here this afternoon.

The Chair: Has the Resolution Committee anything to report?

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. President, a number of matters have been referred to the Resolution Committee and we will submit them, and in doing so we desire to state that we think they are matters which should have been referred to the By-Laws Committee, and I shall ask that they be so referred. A resolution has been presented to us providing that all publications of the society be published by a literary board of three members: One editor, one editor-in-chief, and one business manager, the secretary of the Board. I think that is a matter that should go to the By-Laws Committee.

Another resolution is that the editor shall not hold any other position, either elective or appointive.

Another resolution is that the annual dues shall under no circumstances be reduced below one dollar. These resolutions are as follows:

That all publications of the Society be published by a Literary Board of three members: one an editor, one an editor-in-chief and one a business manager or secretary of the board; this shall include any monthly or quarterly.

That the editor of any official journal, either quarterly or monthly shall not hold any other office either elective or appointive.

That the annual dues shall under no circumstances be reduced below one dollar.

Mr. Stone: I move that these resolutions be referred to the By-Laws Committee. Seconded and carried.

The following recommendations from the Resolution Committee were read, and, on motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded and referred to the By-Laws Committee:

July 25, 1910.

Now that the convention is close at hand a matter of great importance can be discussed, and, if possible, favorable action taken.

There have been many articles published in the various Philatelic Magazines about U. S. stamps, adhesive and stamped envelopes and post cards in the past.

The current issues of the Philatelic Press contain many more each month.

Now what would you think of this suggestion, that in order to save the best writings on these subjects yearly, the society appoint a committee to select the best that has been written in the past, and with permission consolidate into one volume. Then in the future gather each year the best writings and form one volume a year.

This would help stimulate and increase the number of stamp collectors, and would aid to further philately in general.

These volumes could be sold only to members of A. P. S. It would bring many more members in the ranks of the society, would aid the hobby as scientific research would be brought direct to each member through these volumes. Not every member has access to every magazine published, but in this way each member would have access to all the good articles published on American Stamps of every nature.

If agreeable I would be pleased to hear from you favorable, and if you are going to the convention whether you think the matter could be brought up and what your opinion would be regarding same.

Yours very truly,

To Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.

JNO. N. DEGLMANN,
Lock Box 314, Mankato, Minn.

July 18, 1910.

Mr. Jos. A. Steinmetz, Philadelphia, Pa.,

My Dear Sir:—I have had some correspondence with you on the subject I am going to write on a previous occasion, but now that the convention is close at hand I am taking the liberty of addressing you again.

This matter of great importance can be discussed and, if possible, favorable action taken both as to U. S. Stamps, both adhesive and envelope, in the A. P. S., and as to U. S. Revenues in United States Revenue Society, each society to issue their own yearly volume. There have been many articles published in the various philatelic magazines about each class of these stamps in the past.

The current issue of the Philatelic Press each month contains many more. Now what would you think of this suggestion, that in order to save the best writings on these subjects yearly, to appoint a committee with power to act, to select the best that has been written in the past, and with permission consolidate it into one volume.

Then in the future gather each year the best writing and form one volume a year.

This would help stimulate and increase the number of Revenue and U. S. Stamp collectors, and would aid to further philately in general.

The volumes could be sold only to the members of the two societies. It would bring many more members into the ranks of these societies, would aid the hobby as scientific research would be brought direct to each member through these volumes.

Not every member has access to every magazine published, but in this way every member would have access all the good articles published on this class of stamps.

If agreeable I would be pleased to hear from you favorable, and if you are going to the convention whether you think the matter could be brought up and what your opinion would be regarding same.

Yours very truly,

JNO. N. DEGLMANN,
Lock Box 314, Mankato, Minn.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Johnson, and on motion of Mr. Stone duly seconded, was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Secretary is hereby instructed to supply Society matter to any publication, in addition to the official organ, applying for it, upon receiving assurances that such matter will be published in full as supplied, promptly and consecutively until the close of the fiscal year, without expense to the Society.

IVER R. JOHNSON.

The Chair: Is there any new business? If not it will be in order to begin with the report of the Committee on By-Laws. Mr. Secretary, have you some copies of the by-laws to present? The special publication that we have usually gotten out, giving the existing by-laws, was not printed this year, and of the first Quarterly, we possibly haven't enough to go around. If the Secretary will distribute them around so that two may use one, we will proceed. On amendments to the by-laws you will recall the fact that the by-laws require a proxy vote, a roll-call vote, unless to save time you are willing to give a unanimous vote. But when a roll call ballot is not taken, it must be unanimous. You will also remember that it requires a two-thirds vote of all ballots cast of members and proxies, and also that that two-thirds vote shall be a third of the total membership.

The first change you will find under the heading of "Secretary" on page 96 of the By-Laws. Article V, Sec. 3. The fourteenth line of Sec. 3 ends with "register, and attest all documents signed by the President." Add immediately following the word "President" a new sentence to read as follows: "He shall also keep a set of loose leaf ledgers for membris in good standing, as well as for past members, each separate page of which shall represent a stockholder, and shall have all data regarding his application and admission in the society clearly set forth, together with the record of the annual payment of dues, or the date of suspension, expulsion or reinstatement." There are several corrections in this section, and perhaps we can expedite matters by reading them and taking them up as a whole. If not we will take up each item separately.

In the next column of the same page, the twenty-fifth line, but going back in order that you may get the connection and reading the preceding sentence: "He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session." Change the semicolon there into a period, making it the end of the sentence. Then take out, "and in addition;" and begin a new sentence reading: "He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery and printing." That is already in there. There is no change except you begin a new sentence, and add this: "for which purpose \$100 of the Society's money shall be in his hands, which fund shall be reimbursed on the first of each month by warrant on the General Fund to the extent of the expenses of the preceding month, so that on the first of each month this amount will always equal \$100."

Take out the word "and." Then follow with "In addition he shall be allowed the sum of \$200 a year for his further use in the prosecution of the duties of his office." Add this sentence: "He shall give a bond to the Society in the sum of not less than \$500, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society of some surety company, to be approved by the Board of Directors." That completes the changes in Sec. 3, in regard to the methods of the Secretary's office. Are there any objections to the proposed changes? I would suggest that we clean this up at once.

Mr. Quackenbush: I move the adoption of the amendments proposed on Sec. 3 of Art. V, as read.

The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Chair: The next change is in Sec. 4 of Article V, under the head of "Treasurer." The end of the eighth line, the sentence ends with "official journal." Put in a new sentence reading as follows: "Among his accounts shall be kept a

separate suspense account, to which shall be credited all moneys received for other than current accounts, including all partial or over-payments."

Mr. Stone: I move that be adopted as read.

Seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Chair: The next change is on page 98, Sec. 2 of Article VII. We have cut out the line reading "A Special Library Committee." That is simply for the reason that that committee has been inoperative for some years, the reason for which will be made plain later; and that is taken care of, that is, the work of the special library committee, by the Assistant Librarian.

Mr. Stone: I move you that the proposed elimination be adopted.

Gen. Coolidge: I second the motion.

Unanimously adopted.

The Chair: The next change is on page 100, near the bottom of the first column, under paragraph "j," and I think the easiest way to make this clear to you would be for me to read it as it stands, and then read it as corrected, and I think you will see the difference, if not, I will go into it more in detail. Beginning after the semicolon in the eighth line, following the word "Vice-Presidents" it now reads "and he may decline to send stamps to a foreign country when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice Presidents that customs, laws or other conditions make it impracticable for the Department to do business in such country." This has been changed to read as follows: "And he may decline to send stamps to any member or to a foreign country, when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice-Presidents that customs, laws or other conditions make it impracticable or undesirable for the Department to do business with such a member, or in such a country." What is your action on this proposed change?

On motion duly seconded, the amendment was unanimously adopted as read.

The Chair: Your next change is on page 101. Under Sec. 8 of Article VII. It relates to the Assistant Librarian. Sec. 9 has been eliminated and blended into Sec. 8, so that it now reads as a second paragraph as follows: "He shall also," that is the Assistant Librarian, "upon receipt of postal notice, giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library, advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. He shall also keep a record of all books passing through his hands." In other words, this gives to the Assistant Librarian certain duties previously performed by the Committee, which has been inoperative, the Assistant Librarian having performed this duty for a number of years. By blending these sections the following changes will be necessitated: Sec. 10 becomes Sec. 9; Sec. 11 becomes Sec. 10; Sec. 12 becomes Sec. 11; Sec. 13 becomes Sec. 12; Sec. 14 becomes Sec. 13; Sec. 15 becomes Sec. 14.

Mr. Stone: I move that all the recommendation as to these changes be adopted.

Seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Chair: The next change is on the same page, page 101, in Art. VIII, Sec. 1. At the end of the fourth line following the words "Sales Department," add "except as provided in Article VII, Sec. 4, paragraph j." Also, in the last line but one, take out the word "Vice-Presidents," and substitute for it "Directors." That will make that paragraph, as far as it shows on this page, read as follows: "Every member of the Society whose dues are paid for the current year is entitled to participate in the privileges of the Sales Department, except as provided in Article VII, Sec. 4, paragraph j, or until he becomes a debtor of the Society or any of its departments of more than two weeks standing, or is suspended by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions, etc." That is simply an adaptation of what we have already gone over under another paragraph, and in substituting the word "Directors" for the word "Vice-Presidents," that is simply a harmonizing of this paragraph with the law, some years ago the power to expel being vested exclusively

in the directors, as against the custom of vesting it in the Board of Vice-Presidents, and this has never been changed as it should have been.

Mr. Johnson: I move the adoption of the amendments as read.

Mr. Stone: I second the motion.

Unanimously carried.

The Chair: The next change is on page 102, second column, Sec. 3 of Art. VIII. It is the ninth line of the section, and the change is purely a matter of a typographical error. It now reads, "governmental reprints, bulky entries, etc.," and should read "bulky entires."

On motion duly seconded the amendment was adopted unanimously.

The Chair: The next change is on page 103, Art. IX, heading "Official Journal." Eliminate the whole of the last part of Sec. 1, consisting of two paragraphs. That is simply an adaptation to conditions,—by eliminating these two paragraphs beginning with "The Official Journal shall be sent, etc.," and the last paragraph beginning with "the publishers shall pay postage, etc."

On the same page in the next column, the paragraph ending "the expense of publishing it shall be paid from the General Fund." Add there a new sentence to read as follows, making it Sec. 2: "The subscription price of the American Philatelist shall be 30 cents a year to members residing within the United States and possessions, and 50 cents per year to foreign members; to persons who are not members of the Society, the subscription price shall be 60 cents a year, postage extra to foreign countries. Members who desire the American Philatelist must remit the subscription price, accompanied by signed subscription form with the membership dues. All subscriptions payable to the Treasurer."

Make the last paragraph as it stands read Sec. 3.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the amendment be adopted. Carried unanimously.

The Chair: Your next change is Art. XI, under the heading of "Branch Societies." In Sec. 1, third and fourth lines change the words "Board of Directors" to read "Board of Vice-Presidents."

On the next page, under Section 4, the last sentence of the second paragraph now reads "Failure to comply with the above shall work a forfeiture of their charter, and the branch shall stand suspended and the charter revoked." For that sentence, substitute the following: "All changes in the by-laws of a branch society shall be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents before the same can become effective. In the event that the membership in any branch is reduced to less than five members, or in the event that a branch refuses or fails to comply with any of the above requirements, the Board of Vice-Presidents may submit the facts to the Board of Directors as in the case of a member for the purpose of having the revocation of the charter of such offending branch voted upon. No person, who may be elected an honorary member by any branch, unless he is a member of the American Philatelic Society in good standing, shall be permitted to vote or take any active part in the business proceedings of the branch with which affiliated." Under Sec. 5 last line "duly instructed" is stricken out.

In short, gentlemen, this particular change is in the interest of providing in a practical way some means of keeping better track than we have been able to keep in the past of our societies; and broadly speaking, this makes the societies, as regards their relations to the Vice-Presidents and Directors, practically the same that a member has. The detail work is in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents, but any matter of discipline or expulsion goes before the Board of Directors.

On motion the proposed amendments were unanimously adopted.

The Chair: We come to Art. XII. Add to the end of that article in the second paragraph the following, making it Sec. 3: "A duplicate form of record book shall be kept, one by the Secretary, and one by the President, wherein shall be securely

affixed a duplicate of each form of printed matter that is used by any officer to whom is delegated executive power; all such blanks or forms shall have printed on them in a noticeable place, "Form approved by the Board of Directors," said approval to apply to the necessity of issuing, and to form, and also to subject matter except as otherwise provided in the by-laws." I think that is self-explanatory.

On motion duly seconded, the amendment was unanimously adopted.

The Chair: You may have noticed that I have a sort of curiosity here in the way of a mechanical proposition—and it will account for the fact that possibly on account of some paste here I have turned over certain pages and left out certain things. I did not take up certain things in order, hence we will go back. I should have begun with them. Turn please, to page 92. Second column, Sec. 3, which reads, as amended, "The annual dues shall be 90 cents to all members, payable in advance to the treasurer on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence; provided, that every new member for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his admission to membership shall pay at the rate of 10 cents per month or fraction thereof from the date of his application." Add a new paragraph: "Members who desire the American Philatelist published quarterly by this Society at 30 cents a year to members, as shown in Article X, Section 2, must remit the subscription price, accompanied by signed subscription form, with the dues to the treasurer. (The subscription price for non-members is 60 cents per year.) Members paying dues and subscriptions by personal check shall add thereto ten cents for exchange."

Mr. Kendall: I might say for the information of the members, that in Cleveland the banks do not charge for collection on checks.

The Chair: This is not a new proposition; it is one which has been up for a long while, and it grew out of the fact that the Treasurer accumulated in the course of the collection of the annual dues a very considerable amount of shortage, and this was done for his protection. Now your Treasurer is not in Cleveland, so this would not apply.

Genl. Coolidge: I do not exactly see why the committee placed the annual dues at 90 cents. It seems to me the annual dues of the Society ought to be one dollar, and I have heard a great many expressions of the same sentiment, and I would suggest an amendment be made from 90 cents to one dollar.

The Chair: Let me explain what that 90 cents means in that way. It is the intent, as far as the law allows, on the part of the Committee in making this recommendation, that the dues still continue at \$1.20, but in order to get second class rates on the Quarterly the subscription price must be divorced from the dues. Now the subscription price was fixed by the Board of Directors some time ago at 30 cents, consequently, that accounts for the 90 cents here instead of a dollar. But it is assumed that the majority, if not everybody, will accept the Quarterly, which we cannot give them at \$1.20 and get our second class rates. Consequently, an opportunity will be given every man according to the law, to say whether he does or does not want the Quarterly, and to leave to him the subscription for it through his application, and through the system which the Treasurer will introduce when he sends out his notification. So that the Society will get not only the dollar, that you suggest, but the \$1.20, or at least that is the expectation. The very few who might say they do not want the Quarterly being so small, that the value of the second class rates would very much offset the few who would not want the Quarterly. If a man says under this, as it stands, that he does not want the Quarterly, then we cannot collect that 30 cents, but we expect to collect 99%. That is the explanation of the 90 cent charge.

Mr. Hanford: I would suggest that in a great many cities, most all large cities, such as Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Omaha, local checks are not charged for.

The Chair: They were charged for at Minneapolis at the time this was made.

Mr. Johnson: Checks from Canada and Mexico are subject to a higher rate of exchange than 10 cents, and it is a sort of evening up process all along the line, and I think no exception should be made as far as the large cities are concerned, because there are only a few cities, like Cleveland, Philadelphia and St. Louis that do not charge for local checks.

The Chair: And you must remember this, gentlemen, that a very large majority of the checks received by the treasurer are from the smaller places, and I imagine he does have some trouble in getting them cashed without exchange.

Mr. Crowell: I would like to know if there is any objection to the treasurer having his account in some of these cities where they do not charge exchange?

The Chair: I imagine it would be better for the treasurer to have his account in the city where he resides, and you will find there is a provision in the law by which the directors have certain jurisdiction in these matters.

On motion duly seconded, the amendment was unanimously adopted as read.

The Chair: That completes the work on the By-Laws,* which incidentally took from ten o'clock until four o'clock this morning, and I am obliged to you for helping me to expedite their passage. Is the Finance Committee ready to report?

Mr. Johnson: Mr. Beck desires me to say that the report will be handed in right after lunch.

Mr. Crowell: I would like to ask Dr. Wherry if Omaha charges exchange on checks?

Dr. Wherry: Omaha charges exchange on local checks, but I had an arrangement with the bank with which I did business by which they did not charge any exchange.

Mr. Johnson: The Secretary of the Educational Committee has here about 200 copies of the Philippine folders which he will be glad to distribute to the members present. We want to get you acquainted with the work we are doing, and after you have read the folders, we wish you would pass them on to your boy or girl friends where they will do some good.

Recess ten minutes.

The convention reconvened after a recess of ten minutes, on the call of President Mudge.

The Chair: Is there any new business to come before the house?

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. Chairman, I believe this is the proper place to discuss the place for the next meeting.

The Chair: You may proceed.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Ladies and gentlemen: In discussing the place for holding the next convention, you have probably surmised that you would receive an invitation from a city of the Middle West. As presiding officer of the local society of the City of Chicago, I have been asked to extend this invitation, and you have also received it in writing in a communication to the convention. And in giving this invitation of the Philatelic Society of Chicago, they have known for some time they were going to ask you to meet with them in Chicago in 1911. Chicago has wanted you to meet there for a number of years, but conditions have been such that we have not felt we could entertain you and give you the satisfaction of holding the convention there as it should be held. Chicago, like many other cities, has its various societies, and the members sometimes hold differing opinions, and it took us some time to get together on the subject of wanting the convention and asking for it, and extending an invitation. There is hardly any use of my going into detail in

* In October, 1910, by vote of the Board of Directors, two other minor changes were made in the by-laws which were duly published in the official journal, and which are incorporated in Article VII, Sec. 6 and Sec. 9 of the By-Laws, as printed herein.

telling you where Chicago is located, and what it has to offer. I believe the United States census gives us over a million, but the fact is the philatelists and collectors of Chicago are going to do their best for you in 1911, and they will entertain you the best way they know how. It is not going to be all entertainment, for a certain amount of work should be done, and we are going to insist on this work being done, and we are going to do our best to get you together and do all the work required, and at the same time we are going to sandwich in entertainment in such a way that the work will be more entertainment than labor. We will arrange it so that no committee will work under hardship. Those are plans that will have to be matured, but we think we have already a plan by which all these things will be done. The Chicago branch of the American Association has also extended to you an invitation, and there is no question in my mind but what the commercial society's invitation will reach you later on. It is the unanimous sentiment in Chicago that the convention should be held there next year, and I am going to let my colleagues tell you more about it.

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. President, I think the invitation from the President of the Chicago Philatelic Society is sufficient in and of itself, without being backed up by any board of trade or other commercial body. I am glad to see that Chicago is coming into its own. It has been eighteen years since the convention met there, and I feel that when we do meet there, as it appears we will next year, that all the pent-up enthusiasm of the past eighteen years which they have been accumulating will be vented on us. St. Louis is near Chicago in the Middle West, and as far as lies in our power we will help Chicago entertain the convention. I do not want to take up your time in a long statement as to the beauties and virtues of Chicago, but I do want to say this:

Chicago is a place where the wind blows loud;
Where the sun shines bright,—in the sky no cloud;
Where its residents all dwell near unto heaven,
Therefore, me for Chicago in nineteen eleven.

(Applause and laughter.)

Mr. Severn: It has been a long time since Chicago has had the pleasure of holding this convention; in 1893, when the conditions were prime, the convention assembled in Chicago, and some of the members I see before me were there in that year. The conditions for entertainment then were none too perfect, so far as the local society was concerned, but we did what we could, and many of those who attended were kind enough to say they were very well pleased with the attention shown. But now the conditions are better and we can assure you a successful convention. This is not a sudden and spontaneous thought on the part of Chicago men, but rather it is the fruition of seventeen years of deliberative thought. (Laughter and applause.) And unless we make good, the members will certainly have reason to feel resentful, and knowing the sensitive disposition of my colleagues, I assure you all will labor earnestly, at least to meet expectations, even though those expectations be based on rather a high plane, we will absolutely meet them if hard work and earnest endeavor can do so. (Applause.)

Mr. Crowell: I think if it has taken Chicago seventeen years to make up its mind that they want the convention, they ought to have it. Furthermore, on behalf of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, and all the other Cleveland collectors, we are for Chicago first, last and all the time.

Gen. Coolidge: In behalf of the Detroit A. P. S., we second the motion to give the convention to Chicago, and we will try to bring a good representation there.

Mr. Carpenter: As a member from the furthest East, it gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Chicago. I hope the vote will be unanimous, and indeed, that no ballot will be required. I hold quite a number of proxies, and in case of a

ballot I shall be obliged to vote two ballots against Chicago. I hope it will not be necessary to vote those ballots.

Mr. Adair: As the official representative of one of the collectors' clubs, Branch 21, I heartily endorse the selection of Chicago for 1911. The Branch took formal action, but their representative holding the proxies is not here, and I am speaking for him.

Mr. Morris: As the representative of the District of Columbia and Branch District No. 36, I am instructed to vote for Chicago in 1911.

Mr. Martin: As the representative of Branch 34, of Saginaw, I have been instructed also to uphold the nomination of Chicago for 1911.

The Chair: It seems hardly necessary to hear the report of the Committee, but as a matter of form we will now listen to the report of the committee on the place of next meeting.

Mr. Henry Ades Fowler then presented the report of the Committee on Place of Next Meeting.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Mr. Chairman and Members:—

Your committee begs to report that but two invitations were received for the place of the next convention, one of which was from the Convention Bureau of the City of St. Louis, and the other, the only Philatelic body seeking the convention, being from the Chicago Philatelic Society, in which Branch No. 1, of the A. P. S. joined.

In view of this fact, your committee recommends that the invitation of the Chicago Philatelic Society, in which Branch No. 1 of the A. P. S. of Chicago joined, be accepted, and that the Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention be held in the City of Chicago, Ill.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ADES FOWLER, Chairman,
W. H. BARNUM,
W. C. RHODES.

Gen. Coolidge: I rise to move that the report of the Committee on Place of Next Meeting nominating Chicago as the place of meeting of the next convention, be unanimously adopted.

Mr. Stone: It gives me great pleasure to second the motion made by General Coolidge, that the recommendation of the committee for the selection of Chicago for our next convention be unanimously adopted. I can go further back than eighteen years to the Chicago convention. In 1887 the first annual meeting was held in the City of Chicago. There is one person present here today who can remember that convention with me. There were only about twenty-five or thirty of us present, and if they were all here they could tell the good times we had, and it would be a royal good story. It was to that convention, I believe, that this association owes a great deal. We went out there feeling pretty sore. One of the early fights had developed. Members were hot against each other. St. Louis and Chicago, as usual, were at swords points. I went to Chicago in favor of the St. Louis idea. It was an "official journal" scrap of the early days. I told the boys when I got out there "I'm for St. Louis." "That's all right, come out and see the ball game." That is the way they met us when they got to the convention, and it was as though a tank of oil had been poured over the troubled waters, and everything was at once harmonious, and we had a glorious time. I would like to tell you of a banquet we had; it was our first banquet, and it was a success. Come next year. We will have a good time. I don't know of any place that is more entitled to celebrate our 25th Anniversary than the place where we had our first annual meeting.

The Chair: You have heard the nomination of Chicago as the meeting place for our next annual convention. You have heard its numerous hearty seconds, and

the report of the committee on the next place of meeting. We will now proceed to vote. Those in favor of Chicago for the 1911 convention will please signify by saying aye.

It is a unanimous vote.

Mr. Stone: The Springfield Stamp Club gives notice they want the convention in 1912, ten years from the time we had our last. We are not going to wait eighteen years. (Applause and laughter.)

Mr. Cornwall: I think it is in order that the American Philatelic Society extend a vote of thanks to the Detroit Philatelic Society for the entertainment which they have furnished. And in offering this resolution, I think we should not forget General Coolidge, who has personally expended his time and energy in behalf of the convention.

Mr. Whitaker: I desire to second that resolution.

Adopted unanimously.

General Coolidge: Gentlemen, I have to thank you in behalf of the Detroit Philatelic Society, as well as myself, for this vote of thanks. I think we should have our silver tongued orator down here to respond to this resolution, but he is engaged at the moment. We thank you very much. We haven't done very much, but we have done the best we could. We have given you hot weather and we have given you cold weather, and we hope you will finish out the rest of the day in comfort. We thank you very much for having come here, and if you will call on our friend Beck I think he will give you a little more oratory.

Mr. Beck was called for, and responded as follows:

I do not know the occasion, Mr. President, of this outburst of enthusiasm here, as I have just entered, but I rather think the General is trying to get me in trouble. He is always poking into things to see what is going on, and what he can find out, and so forth. We could not have a committee meeting while we were getting up these arrangements but what the General had to peep in to see if we were doing the business right. There is nothing that I can say to you in addition to what has been said. We all appreciate the large attendance that has been had at this convention, and it will always be a pleasant memory with me, and I trust we will have the privilege of meeting with you in many future conventions. I want to say further, by way of apology, that I have consulted encyclopedias and geographies and histories, and have finally located the head on the two dollar stamp. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Quackenbush: It may not be out of place for me to say at this time, in accordance with the resolution adopted this morning, whereby the Society is authorized to furnish to any weekly stamp paper that will publish the same regularly free of charges any official matter, etc., that Redfield's Weekly will take pleasure in complying with the form of this resolution, and we will endeavor to co-operate very earnestly and heartily with the Secretary of the Society to the fullest possible extent.

The Chair: There is but one piece of business that I know of to come up this afternoon, and the automobile ride. A motion to adjourn is now in order.

Mr. Severn: Before we adjourn, I wish to move a vote of thanks be given to the press of Detroit for its generous and intelligent treatment of our Association.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Quackenbush and unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was also unanimously given to A. H. Griffiths, Manager of the Museum of Art, for the many courtesies extended to the Society.

Mr. Cornwall moved a vote of thanks to the By-Laws Committee, which was seconded and adopted by a rising vote.

The Convention then arose to meet again at 2 P. M. same day.

AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 18th, 1910.

Pursuant to adjournment, the convention was called to order at 2 p. m. by President Mudge, who called for a supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Stone, Chairman:

CREDENTIALS REPORT No. 4.

August 19, 1910, P. M.

The Credentials Committee report the following additional proxies:

Shirley Moissant	1	....
H. C. Crowell	2	(38)
H. W. Legg	2	....

The total number of proxies approved for use at the convention is 627.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chairman.

The Chair: Those are proxies. Is there any new business? The unfinished business consists of the report of the Finance Committee. Mr. Beck.

Mr. Fowler: In consideration of a fellow member here this morning who did not vote in the affirmative or the negative, or in other words not at all on the question of that portion of the by-laws referring to the giving of official matter to journals for publication, while I voted in the affirmative, and am still of the same opinion, out of consideration of this fellow member I would move that that part of the by-laws which was amended this morning be reconsidered.

The Chair: If you will allow me to correct you to this extent, that was not a by-law but a resolution. (Seconded.)

Mr. Fowler: Very well, a resolution.

The Chair: It is moved and seconded that the resolution that was passed this morning in regard to the providing of official matter to several journals be reconsidered.

Mr. Wolsieffer: I would like to ask if this fellow member was present at this forenoon's session when that was passed?

Mr. Fowler: He was.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Then I shall oppose it.

Mr. Severn: I am that fellow member, Mr. President, and while I was legitimately engaged at the time I do not give that as an excuse, yet without stretching the courtesy too much I would like to have a hearing.

The Chair: The question of reconsideration is before the house. Are you ready for the question? Lost.

The Chair: We will now hear the report of the Finance Committee, Mr. Beck.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the financial transactions of the Educational Committee, the Sales Superintendent, the Treasurer, the Secretary, would respectfully report that we have carefully considered said reports, and find as follows:

Educational Committee.

We find the total cash receipts to be.....	\$780.42
And the total cash disbursements actually paid.....	753.72
Leaving a cash balance of.....	\$ 26.70
Against which there are unpaid bills of.....	70.00
Leaving a deficit of.....	\$ 43.30
As stated in the committee's report.	

Against which, however, there are unpaid subscriptions of..... 11.00

Leaving an actual deficit of..... \$ 32.30

These figures are as shown by the committee's cash book. No vouchers for disbursements were submitted to us.

Sales Superintendent.

We find remittances from the Sales Superintendent acknowledged by the Treasurer of \$385.36. These figures agree with the Sales Superintendent's report except that they include a remittance August 15, 1910, of \$7.65, which is not included in the Sales Superintendent's report, same being to July 1, 1910, only.

Treasurer.

The following is an abstract of the Treasurer's accounts for the year:
Balance in Treasury 1909 as per report of Auditing Committee, (page 68, Am. Phil.):

To the credit of—

Stock Fund	\$3,354.66	
Insurance Fund	1,411.38	
Exchange Fund	45.60	
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	\$4,811.64	
Less General Fund—overdrawn	435.98	\$4,375.66

Receipts.

General Fund	\$2,284.69	
Stock Fund	246.00	
Insurance Fund	393.01	
Exchange Fund	8.65	\$2,932.35
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Total to be accounted for.....		\$7,308.01

Disbursements.

General Fund	\$2,581.68	
Stock Fund	2.00	
Insurance Fund	373.42	2,957.10
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Balance in Treasury August 15, 1910..... \$4,350.91
Divided as follows:—

Stock Fund	\$3,598.66	
Insurance Fund	1,430.97	
Exchange Fund	54.25	
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	\$5,083.88	
Less General Fund—overdrawn.....	732.97	
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	\$4,350.91	

Located as follows:—

In bank as per certificate hereto appended (Ex. A.)....	\$2,449.04	
Less outstanding checks	750.66	
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	\$1,698.38	
Bonds (book value)	2,612.34	
Checks and currency	40.19	\$4,350.91

The balances in the Treasurer's hands the beginning of the fiscal year are as stated by the books, and were the balances reported by the Special Auditing Committee last year.

We have carefully checked the cancelled vouchers, and find same to be correct. A list of uncleared checks is hereto appended, Exhibit B.

One or two trivial errors were found in the Treasurer's report, which we have had him correct.

We find the Treasurer's ledger to be correctly footed, and all receipts therein shown to be accounted for. Your committee, however, have not had sufficient time to check the underlying records of receipts for dues, embracing upwards of two thousand items, and which in our judgment should be checked with each member's ledger account.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's record of receipts consists of carbon copies of remittance letters to the Treasurer of long lists of membership dues, without any supporting record thereof whatever, and your committee are therefor unable to certify as to the correctness of the Secretary's receipts.

The report does not contain any record of receipts for the sale of electros of the Association's seal. Your committee have knowledge that sales of some have been made, and we recommend that the outgoing Secretary be directed to report any such receipts to the Treasurer.

The Secretary's report of disbursements we find to be correct except one item of \$19.67 appeared in the Treasurer's report which did not appear in the Secretary's, said check being issued after the Secretary's report was made up.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD C. BECK,
IVER R. JOHNSON,
CHAS. R. MORRIS.

Mr. Beck: I might say further, Mr. President, that the committee had in mind a recommendation for the preparation of a particular form of receipt for dues with appropriate carbon copies, that a facsimile record might be kept of every receipt of that character, but we were advised that the matter had already been under consideration, and at least a tentative form of a blank had been prepared to be approved by the Board of Directors, and we therefore did not refer to that especially in the formal report.

The Chair: Such is the fact, Mr. Beck. You have heard the report of the Finance Committee? What is your pleasure?

General Coolidge: I move it be accepted.

Mr. Stone: I second the motion.

Adopted unanimously.

General Coolidge: I desire to call the attention of this convention to the fact, so that it may appear of record, that this convention here has been the most peaceful and harmonious one that it has been the pleasure of this Society ever to hold. I believe it is the only occasion—my friend Mr. Stone can correct me if I am wrong, because he has attended them all, and I have only attended the last three, but he is willing to support me in this assertion, that it is the only convention where we have not had any division in the whole proceeding. There has not been a roll call or division on any subject, and I desire it to be recorded as the convention of peace and harmony. I meant to have prefaced this by the fact that it was all due to the exertions and to the influence of the delightful character of our President, Mr. Mudge.

Mr. Stone: I also would like to call attention to the fact, although that point

is passed, that while these proxies have been sent in, this is the one convention in which they have not been used. The use of proxies here has been absolutely unnecessary.

Mr. Beck: I might say supplemental to the General's remarks, that of course he was present in the far East you know promoting the world's peace at the time of the former Detroit convention, and to the best of my recollection that was just about as peaceable an affair as this one. (Applause.)

Mr. Bescher: I was here at that time, eleven years ago, and I substantiate Mr. Beck's statement.

President Mudge: You have heard the General's remarks, which have become a matter of record, and as far as I am concerned, I desire to thank him, and in reciprocation of the sentiment as evidenced by your demonstration, I am sure that if the presiding officer has helped peace and harmony in any way, it is purely on account of the good will and the good spirit that he felt was emanating from all towards him.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. Cornwall, who is chairman of the Committee on Resolutions does not appear to be here, and it being understood that it has been generally the custom, I am afraid it will devolve on me as a member of that committee to offer this resolution on behalf of the Resolution Committee: That the thanks of this convention be extended to Mr. Mudge for the very able and impartial manner in which he has presided over this convention. I think our success has been due in no small measure to his efforts and his untiring labor. I offer that as a resolution.

It was seconded and put to a vote by the Secretary, who announced its unanimous adoption.

President Mudge: I thank you, gentlemen.

(Calls of Mr. Stone, Mr. Stone.)

Mr. Stone: I shall not attempt to detain you. The by-laws committee did not have enough to do this year, we only sat up until four o'clock this morning, that this might be fixed up for you. And now, I hate to say it, but I move that we adjourn sine die to meet at Chicago next year.

Seconded and adopted.

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- 1775 Chicago Branch No. 1, Edward M. Rosenthal, President, 1108, 100 Washington St., Hugh M. Clark, Secretary, 536 Postal Telegraph Building. Meets second Wednesday evening.
- 3387 Pacific Branch No. 3, H. J. Crocker, President, Robt. E. Cowan, Secretary, 367 Treat Ave., San Francisco, Cal.
- 460 St. Louis Branch No. 4, F. R. Cornwall, President. Meets Tuesdays fortnightly 801 Chemical Building.
- 457 Pittsburg Branch No. 5, E. Doeblin, President. J. C. Miller, Secretary, 2514 Jenny Lind St., McKeesport, Pa. Meets third Tuesday, at Room No. 3, 417 Wood Street.
- 1998 Philadelphia Branch No. 18, F. Hahman, President, A. F. Henkels, Secretary, 1417 N. Bouvier St. Meets first Wednesday, at 25 Drury Building.
- 2670 New England Branch No. 20, Boston, Mass. A. W. Batchelder, President.
- 3166 Columbus Collectors Club, Branch No. 21, Paul Mason, President, Geo. K. Smith, Jr., Secretary, 801 Outlook Bldg. Meets Tuesdays fortnightly at Room 505 Columbus Savings and Trust Building.
- 2554 Colorado State Branch No. 22, H. A. Davis, President, Jos. S. Davis, Secretary. Meets first Tuesday at 8 P. M. at Y. M. C. A. Bldg.
- 3192 Omaha Philatelic Society, Branch No. 23, Geo. Marples, President, H. A. Whipple, Secretary, New York Life Bldg. Meets second Friday, 701 New York Life Building.
- 2696 Milwaukee Branch No. 24, Dr. F. A. Kraft, President, J. M. Maloney, Secretary. 83 Lee St. Meets first and third Fridays, 709 Germania Building.
- 3219 Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch No. 25, Gen. Chas. A. Coolidge, President, C. F. Heyerman, Secretary, 22 McGraw Bldg. Meets second and fourth Fridays.
- 3259 Louisville Branch No. 26, Wm. E. Ault, President, H. W. Reynard, Secretary, 520 W. Kentucky St., Louisville, Ky.
- 3106 Berkeley Branch No. 27, A. H. Weber, Secretary, 1540 LeRoy Ave., Berkeley, Cal.
- 3305 Springfield Branch No. 28, J. W. Prevost, President, Wm. C. Stone, Secretary, 21 Princeton St., Springfield, Mass. Meets quarterly.
- 3208 Cleveland Branch No. 30, John F. Rust, Manager, W. H. Barnum, Clerk, 1812 East 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Meets Quarterly.
- 3295 Wichita Branch No. 31.
- 3588 Binghamton Philatelic Society, Branch No. 32, S. M. Frechie, President, Giles H. Dickinson, Secretary, care Binghamton Republican, Binghamton, N. Y. Meets first Monday evening, Binghamton Republican office.
- 3637 Philippine Branch No. 33, Mrs. Loomis T. Goodale, President, Theo. Siddall, Secretary, Box 550, Manila, Phil. IIs.
- 3638 Saginaw Stamp Club, Branch No. 34, John J. Spencer, President, Max P. Heavenrich, Secretary, Saginaw, Mich.
- 3640 District of Columbia Branch No. 36, Chas. R. Morris, President.

3691 Buffalo Collectors Club, Branch No. 37, F. B. Griffith, Jr., President, Warren C. Tidbury, Secretary. Meets first and third Thursday.

3855 Spokane Branch, No. 38, Arthur Oehler, President, Carl W. Art, Secretary. Meets first and third Fridays at 333 Rookery Bldg., Spokane, Wash.

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Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, Dresden, Germany.

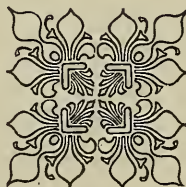
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The Royal Philatelic Society, London, England.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

The Herts Philatelic Society.

The British Guiana Philatelic Society



By-Laws of the American Philatelic Society

As Adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention,
August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and Amended at the
Subsequent Conventions, including Amendments
Adopted at the Twenty-fifth Annual Conven-
tion, August 16-17-18, 1910.

ARTICLE I.—Capital Stock.

Section 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this Society shall be for a single share only, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions: That the holder thereof has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Society in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock, or the certificate thereof, shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Society and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Society of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock certificate is surrendered to the Society, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Society. That the Society has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Society, and that no transfer thereof shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Society; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Society, that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-laws. That upon

the expulsion of the holder, or his resignation, or the dropping of his name from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society or any of its departments, his stock shall revert to the Society, and his certificate become and remain null and void.

Sec. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Society, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

Sec. 3. Certificates of stock shall be valued at \$1.00 each, and all money received for stock certificates as provided for by Article II, Section 1, shall be kept by the Treasurer in a separate and inviolate fund to be known as the Stock Fund, the interest of which may be applied to current expenses; and the Treasurer shall place this fund at interest in such manner from time to time as the Board of Directors may approve or direct.

ARTICLE II.—Membership.

Section 1. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society shall file with its Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors, signed by one member of the Society, and, if the applicant is of legal age, accompanied by one or more commercial references, which commercial references shall not be the firm, or a member of the firm, of which the proposer is a member, and if the applicant has not attained the age of

21 years, he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person, obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Society in case the applicant is admitted, such guarantor to furnish one or more commercial references. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of \$1.00, for one share of stock and the amount of dues for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending August 31, the whole to be refunded if admission is refused. The Secretary shall acknowledge the receipt of each application, stating the date when the applicant will become a member, provided no objections are received. The Secretary shall cause the name, age, occupation, and address of each applicant and the names of his references and bondsmen to be published in four consecutive issues of the Official Journal, and if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after the first publication, the applicant shall become a member. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant they shall notify the Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and may accept or reject the applicant in their discretion, and shall certify the result to the Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

In case the Secretary is advised that objections to an applicant have been received by the Vice-Presidents, he shall continue to publish the applicant's name until it has appeared in four consecutive issues of the Official Journal, but under such circumstances the applicant shall not become a member until the Secretary be advised by the Board of Vice-Presidents that they, after investigation, have accepted the applicant.

Sec. 2. As it is important to the well-being and prosperity of this Society that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-laws from time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Society shall be addressed in writing,

accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and report their findings thereon to the Board of Directors who may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member, and declare his stock forfeited to the Society, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Directors deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next convention of the Society, and such convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The annual dues shall be 90 cents to all members, payable in advance, to the Treasurer, on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence; provided, that every new member for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his admission to membership shall pay at the rate of ten cents per month, or fraction thereof, from the date of his application. Members who desire the American Philatelist, published quarterly by this Society at 30 cents per year to members, as shown in Article X, Section 2, must remit the subscription price, accompanied by signed subscription form, with the dues, to the Treasurer. (The subscription price for non-members is 60 cents per year.) Members paying dues and subscriptions by personal check shall add thereto ten cents for exchange.

No assessment other than the annual dues shall be levied except on recommendation of the Board of Directors, published in the call for an annual convention, special meeting, or mail vote, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the stockholders voting thereon; provided, that the number of affirmative votes shall be not less than one-third of the whole number of stockholders entitled to vote.

Sec. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or any indebtedness to the Society or any department thereof, within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid within thirty days

thereafter, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, by whom his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Society, and his name shall be omitted from the printed membership list. The Secretary shall notify the Sales Superintendent to debar from the privileges of the department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls.

Any stockholder or branch society having resigned in good standing, or any stockholder or branch society whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues or debts as aforesaid, may be reinstated on payment of such dues or debts, and \$1.00, plus the amount of dues for the remainder of the current year, and a share of stock bearing the original stock number shall be reissued, and in case of reinstatement of a branch society, a charter certificate bearing the original number shall be reissued. In case of minors a new guarantee shall be required, and in the case of members who have been suspended for more than one year new references shall be required.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the Official Journal and treated in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

Sec. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Society. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Society. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

Sec. 6. No stockholder of the So-

cietz who has not attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to any office.

Sec. 7. Any Philatelic Society outside the United States and possessions may be elected by the Board of Vice Presidents upon the recommendation of the International Secretary, or by the Society in convention assembled, as an honorary corresponding member, and shall receive all publications of the Society and shall be exempt from dues; such honorary corresponding membership shall not carry the right to vote or hold stock. A list of such members shall follow the branch societies in the annual list of members.

ARTICLE III.—Meetings.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Society, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be held each year at such date and such place, within or without the state of Minnesota, as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the Official Journal of the proceedings of the convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but the President shall also issue a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of the convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Journal issued not less than sixty days prior to the holding of such convention.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Society may be called by the Board of Directors, or by one hundred stockholders of this Society. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the Official Journal at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

Sec. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time, or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in the

Official Journal, at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Society as entitled to vote as a stockholder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Board of Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the Official Journal. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted, but the By-laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 4. All stockholders of the Society who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Society shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any annual convention, at any special meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

No member of the Society shall be allowed to vote more than fifty proxies.

Sec. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 6. No Director of this Society shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Society.

Sec. 7. At all meetings of the Society, all questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 8. At all meetings of the Society, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

Sec. 9. At the annual convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

- A Committee on Finance;
- A Committee on Library;
- A Committee on Sales Department;
- A Committee on Branch Societies;
- A Committee on Resolutions;
- A Committee on Place of Next Convention; each to consist of three members.

A Committee on By-laws, to consist of the President, who shall be chairman of the committee, and four other members.

The following shall be the order of business:

FIRST SESSION.

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Call.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reading of Minutes of last Convention.
5. President's Address.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Permanent Committees.
9. Communications.
10. Assigned Matters.
11. New Business.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Call to Order.
2. Supplementary Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Communications.
4. Assigned Matters.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Reports of Special Committees.

Sec. 10. At all special meetings of the Society, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

ARTICLE IV.—Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Society shall be designated as the Board of Directors, and shall consist of nine members, who shall all be citizens of the United States.

Sec. 2. Each Director shall be a stock-

holder of the Society, and shall hold his office until the close of the next annual convention, and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be collectors and not dealers by profession; and at least seven of their number shall be residents of different states. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of thirty miles, and in case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same state or locality as another candidate for Director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

Sec. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the By-laws to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph, a sufficient time beforehand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. To expedite the transaction of business by the Board of Directors they may take mail votes upon any question in the following manner: Any member of the Board desiring to submit any matter for their action may reduce the same to writing in the form of a motion and shall mail a copy thereof upon a separate sheet of paper to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he desires to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon receipt of such motion each member shall write upon the same sheet of paper his vote for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall, in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed, a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board, who shall return the same by return mail, with his

vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the ballots of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with the original ballots. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Society and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-laws; may require special reports from any officer from time to time; may remove any officer appointed by them, as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Society, as provided by law.

ARTICLE V.—Duties of Directors.

Section 1. President.—The President in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on the Treasurer for moneys expended by the Society, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes, and other obligations entered into by the Society. Prior to each annual convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III, Section 1; shall appoint a committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the general fund of the Society. At each annual convention he shall address the Society on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

Sec. 2. Vice-Presidents.—The three Directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as chairman of the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death, or disability of the President. The Board of

Vice-Presidents shall decide all questions arising as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and shall investigate all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II, Sections 2, 4 and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Society, as provided in Article II, Section 2. They shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections and prepare an authorized form of proxy to be used at all conventions.

The Board of Vice-Presidents from time to time, and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the President for publication in the Official Journal, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the annual convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence, which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams, and registry fees shall be certified by the chairman, and be paid from the general fund.

They shall elect one of their number to act as clerk, who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

Sec. 3. Secretary.—The Secretary, in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Society, seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates, membership cards, and receipts, countersign, register, and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall also keep a set of loose leaf ledgers for members in good standing, as well as for past members, each separate page of which shall represent a stockholder, and shall have all data regarding his application and admission into the Society clearly set forth, together with a record of the annual payment of dues, or the date of suspension, expulsion or reinstatement. He shall, under the super-

vision of the President, edit the official matter published in the Official Journal; provided, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, said matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the Official Journal, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-laws and the list of members of the Society to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article II, Sections 4 and 5, and perform all such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each annual convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Society, required by law to be made by the Directors. He shall cause to be published in each number of the Official Journal, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Society, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery and printing, for which purpose \$100.00 of the Society's money shall be in his hands, which fund shall be reimbursed on the first of each month by warrant on the General Fund to the extent of the expenses of the preceding month, so that on the first of each month this fund will always equal \$100.00. In addition he shall be allowed the sum of \$200.00 per year for his further use in the prosecution of the duties of his office.

He shall give bond to the Society in

the sum of not less than \$500, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some Surety Company to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property, and securities of the Society. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand, to the Secretary, who shall publish it in the Official Journal. Among his accounts shall be kept a separate suspense account, to which shall be credited all monies received for other than current accounts, including all partial or overpayments. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and Secretary, and shall present to the annual convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers, his books of account, a cashier's certificate of the amount of money on deposit at the date of such statement, and any and all such other papers and instruments as may be requisite for a complete auditing of his books and accounts. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Board of Directors to the account of the Society, and shall give bond to the Society in the sum of not less than \$3,000, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some surety company to be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery, and printing, and in addition thereto the sum of \$25.00 per year, which shall be in full for all other incidental expenses.

Sec. 5. International Secretary.—The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Society or the Board of Directors, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall, whenever called on to do so, assist the Secretary or any other officer of the Society, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Society and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties. He

shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* the changes in membership so long as this Society continues interested in its publication. He shall, so far as possible, report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in foreign journals of items affecting the welfare of this Society or its individual members.

ARTICLE VI.—Elections.

Section 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such elections a plurality of votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the committee.

Sec. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the Annual Convention, and at all special elections at such time as shall be named in the call for the election.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of the election.

Sec. 4. The special election to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the statutes of the state of Minnesota, in case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case

of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Society.

Sec. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but shall be called by the President, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelopes for enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

Sec. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be filled may be sent by any five members or any Branch of the Society to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Official Journal nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

Sec. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII. — Officers and Standing Committees.

Sec. 1. In addition to the nine Directors, the officers of the Society shall be:

- A Sales Superintendent;
- An Examiner of Sales Books;
- An Editor;
- An Attorney;
- A Librarian;
- And Assistant Librarian, and
- A Counterfeit Detector.

Sec. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Permanent Committees:

- An Expert Committee;

- A Committee on Philatelic Literature.
- A Committee on Philatelic Index;
- A Recruiting Committee, and
- An Obituary Committee.

Sec. 3. All of the officers and Permanent Committees mentioned in Section 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Society, when called upon to do so. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or standing committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Sales Superintendent.

(a) The Sales Superintendent shall conduct the Sales Department in accordance with the provisions of this section and of the sections of Article VIII of these By-laws.

(b) He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of \$10,000, for the strict and faithful performance of his duties and proper rendering of true accounts for all moneys, stamps, or other property received by him, whether for the Society or individual owners; and until he has notice from the Secretary of the Society that the bond tendered by him, within a reasonable time, after his appointment, has been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors, he shall not ask or advertise for, or receive from the preceding Superintendent or from individual members, any stamps or other philatelic property for his department.

(c) The Sales Superintendent shall on the first days of October, January, and April, respectively, make to the Board of Vice-Presidents a quarterly report of the affairs of his department, including a full and accurate balance sheet of such book-keeping entries as shall satisfy said

Board, taken from his books upon the last day of the preceding month; and not less than twenty nor more than thirty days prior to the opening day of the Annual Convention he shall make to said Board an annual report, covering the transactions of the department for the past year, and including similar balance sheet or entries. Said reports shall be audited by said Board, who may at any time make or cause to be made by themselves, or a committee, or agent, appointed by them, such examination as they may deem expedient of said Sales Superintendent's books and accounts and of the affairs of his department, and shall cause such an examination to be made in connection with the auditing of the annual report, and shall submit said annual report with the report of such examination and their recommendations on said report and examination to the Annual Convention. The approval of the Sales Superintendent's reports by the said Board shall not be construed as an admission by the Society of the accuracy of said reports or as a release by the Society of either said Superintendent or the surety on his official bond from liability to the Society or any member thereof for any breach of duty on his part.

(d) The Board of Vice Presidents may for cause suspend the Sales Superintendent and require him to deliver and turn over all accounts, books and other property of his department, together with all stamps then in possession of said department, to them or to such person as they may designate as Sales Superintendent, pro tempore, who shall exercise all powers of Sales Superintendent until the Board of Directors shall take further action in the matter.

(e) The Society shall provide account books for the Sales Superintendent. Such account books and the correspondence of the department shall be and remain the property of the Society, and shall at all times be open to the examination of the Board of Vice-Presidents and their representatives duly authorized. Except for the purchase of such books, the Sales Superintendent shall pay all expenses of the department.

(f) Upon retiring from office, the Sales Superintendent shall turn over to his successor all stamps in his hands as such Superintendent, together with all books of account, official correspondence, papers, instruments, moneys, and evidences of indebtedness belonging to the department, and the business of the department shall thereafter be conducted by the new Sales Superintendent. All sums due the department shall be collected by the new Sales Superintendent, who shall pay therefrom to his predecessor such commissions as the latter may have earned thereon, also the requisite payments to the Insurance Fund, and all balances due from the department to members at the time of his assuming the office. Upon a change of Superintendent the Board of Vice-Presidents shall give notice to all parties interested, by publication in the Official Journal, calling on them to file with the Board a statement of their claims against the department within thirty days, so that the outgoing Superintendent's accounts may be properly audited and he be given an honorable release. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall also cause an examination to be made of his books and accounts, and upon the expiration of the period of thirty days from publication of the above prescribed notice shall send to each member who has not filed accounts and whose name appears on the Superintendent's books a statement of his account, and in default of acknowledgement within thirty days thereafter, such account shall be deemed correct.

(g) The Sales Superintendent shall assess a charge of one-half of one per cent upon the net cash value of all books of stamps sent him for circulation in the department, immediately upon their arriving in his hands, with a minimum charge of ten cents per book, and shall remit on retirement of such books the sum so assessed to the Treasurer of the Society, who shall keep it in a special account, known as the Insurance Fund. The Superintendent shall receive all claims for payment desired by owners out of the Insurance Fund, for whatever cause, and shall submit the facts and papers of every case to the Board of

Vice-Presidents, who, if they approve, shall certify the case to the Secretary of the Society, who shall thereupon draw a warrant upon the Treasurer against the Insurance Fund, in the regular manner pursued for payments from other funds. If at any time the Insurance Fund becomes insufficient to meet any such warrant so drawn against it, the sum shall be paid the owner out of the General Fund of the Society, and shall subsequently be transferred to that fund from the Insurance Fund, as soon as the assessments duly collected shall suffice.

(h) The Superintendent shall submit to the Examiner of Sales Books all books sent in for circulation, remove from books sent him for circulation all stamps which are clearly and obviously counterfeits or non-governmental reprints, and return all stamps removed by him or by the Examiner of Sales Books, as provided in the next section, at once to the owner of the book from which they came, stating the price at which they were marked, and the value to which the book has been reduced by their removal; and he shall place the words, "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

A fine of twenty-five cents (25) shall be imposed upon the owner of any book of stamps submitted for circulation for any and every counterfeit contained in such book, unless said stamp, or stamps, shall be of less catalog value than twenty-five cents (25), in which case the fine shall be the catalog value of such stamp; such fine to go to the Examiner of Sales Books, or such other expert as he may call to his assistance, subject to the conditions of the following paragraph:

The action of the Examiner of Sales Books or other expert shall be final and binding upon all parties. In the event the owner of such stamp or stamps, so removed, being dissatisfied with the decision of the expert's action, he shall have a right to appeal from their decision to the Counterfeit Detector, at his own expense, and the decision of the Counterfeit Detector shall be final. In case such stamp, or stamps, are found by the Coun-

terfeit Detector to be genuine, then the fine shall be removed, and the expense of the examining shall be borne by the Examiner of Sales Books.

(i) The Superintendent shall furnish to members of the Society control stamps, and at a cost not exceeding five cents each, books for holding stamps to be circulated in his department, of such form as may be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; provided, that they be printed on one side of the leaf only, contain space for ten ordinary adhesive stamps on a page, have successive numerals not less than an inch in height on the reverse or unused side of each leaf, and contain no advertisements, save of the Society or its Sales Department.

(j) He may refuse to circulate any stamps not mounted in the books so provided by him, or books containing an excessive amount of display, notes, or remarks by the owner; or any books for any reason previously approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; and he may decline to send stamps to any member or to a foreign country when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice-Presidents that customs, laws or other conditions make it impracticable or undesirable for the department to do business with such a member or in such country.

(k) When all the preceding duties shall have been satisfactorily performed, as occasion demands, or no charge or notice to the contrary be in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Superintendent shall be allowed to retain for himself a commission of twelve and one-half per cent out of the amounts remitted to the selling owners upon the sales then settled for, made through the regular circuits of the department, and already paid for by cash to him, not including settlements out of the Insurance Fund for theft or other losses of all or any part of a circuit. He shall also receive a salary of \$25.00 per annum.

Sec. 5. Examiner of Sales Books.—The Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent to the Sales Superintendent before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

He shall remove from all books all stamps which he considers counterfeit or reprint, with the exception of reprints sold by the governments originally issuing the stamps they represent and receivable for postage at the time of their sale by that government, and return them to the Sales Superintendent, together with the number of the book from which they came, the name of the owner of such book, and the price at which they were marked; and shall place the words "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

Sec. 6. Editor.—The Editor shall edit all reading and advertising matter, shall invite literary contributions from the membership and pass upon the same for publication.

He shall solicit and arrange all advertisements and shall collect all moneys due on advertising accounts and shall turn same over to the Treasurer, quarterly, to be placed in the General Fund, and in general act as business manager in all matters pertaining to the publication of the American Philatelist, excepting on all official matter originating with the President or Secretary.

The editor's compensation shall not exceed \$50.00 per number in addition to postage and printing expenses.

Sec. 7. Attorney.—The Attorney shall endeavor to collect and settle any claims that may be sent him by members of this Society against any person whatsoever, or to recover any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Board of Directors, to see that proper steps are taken, and the proper authorities notified, to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his service all actual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc., and ten per cent of all amounts recovered; provided, that in case of collections made for the Society he shall charge only actual disbursements without commission.

Sec. 8. Assistant Librarian.—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve, and properly care for the rec-

ords of the Society as received from retiring officers or boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Society of printed matter, and attend to binding the same, and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

He shall also, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library, advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. He shall also keep a record of all books passing through his hands.

Sec. 9. Counterfeit Detector. — The Counterfeit Detector shall when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging thereof five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted at one time, but if less than five stamps are submitted at one time the charge shall be twenty-five cents; except that the prices for examination of all surcharges as well as cancellations shall be 15 cents per stamp. Postage or expenses of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by owners.

He shall not be required to pass upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee.

Sec. 10. Expert Committee.—It shall be the duty of this committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question and to be signed by all members of the committee. For the examination of each stamp the committee shall receive the sum of \$1.00. This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted.

Sec. 11. Committee on Philatelic Literature.—It shall be the duty of this committee to report, through the columns of the Official Journal, upon all new catalogues, handbooks, manuals, and papers that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their annual report for publication in the Year Book,

and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for.

Sec. 12. Committee on Philatelic Index.—It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and prepare for publication an index on philatelic literature.

Sec. 13. Recruiting Committee.—The Recruiting Committee shall prepare and disseminate literature calculated to impress upon the philatelic public the many advantages to be derived from affiliation with the Society. They shall also investigate the standing of applicants upon the request of any officer of the Society.

Sec. 14. Obituary Committee.—It shall be the duty of this committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the Official Journal from time to time, and to bring them together in their annual report in the form of a summary for publication in the Proceedings of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. Every member of the Society whose dues are paid for the current year is entitled to participate in the privileges of the Sales Department except as provided in Article VII, Section 4, paragraph j, or until he becomes a debtor of the Society or any of its departments of more than two weeks' standing, or is suspended by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, of these By-laws, or has been dropped from circuit lists by the Sales Department for non-payment of fines, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Sec. 2. A member who desires to be placed on circuit lists, must make application to the Sales Superintendent, stating his wish and he will be irrevocably taken thereby to promise and pledge himself to abide for so long as he participates by all the rules for the conduct of this department now contained in these By-laws in this Article or Article VII, Section 4, or elsewhere, and any which may hereafter be made, by amendment

to these By-laws, or by the Superintendent for matter properly within his discretion. Every member who receives books on circuit agrees to give a written receipt for them to the preceding member from whom they are received, and to take a like written receipt from the member next on circuit to whom he delivers them; to pay a fine of ten cents per day for each day a circuit is kept by him over three days, not counting Sundays or legal holidays, which fines shall be collected by the Superintendent and paid over by him to the Treasurer for the Insurance Fund; to account for every space from which he removes stamps by placing therein an adhesive control stamp furnished by the Superintendent, and properly canceled, or by writing his full name in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed, or by placing therein any other mark previously approved in writing by the Superintendent; and immediately upon forwarding a circuit to send to the Superintendent a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps reported upon each time, regardless of whether or not he, as an owner, has at the same time stamps circulating in the department, or any other consideration or debt due or claimed by him from the Society. Every member agrees by his participation in the department to pay the Society the full priced value of any circuit traced to him, for which he can show no written receipt from any other member; and the value of any stamps found by the Superintendent to be missing from books which have passed through the hands of said member, either by reason of the disappearance of any stamp from a space not accounted for, or the loss of an entire page out of a book, or several pages, if he has not immediately upon receipt of the damaged book notified the member preceding him on circuit, and adjusted the matter with him. The Superintendent shall suspend from participation in the department any member for non-payment of fines or failure to make reports promptly, or to accompany them with the requisite remittance, or upon notification from the Treasurer that said member has been a

debtor to the Society for more than two weeks, or at the request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and any member so suspended shall be restored to the privileges of participation again, only by a vote of the Board of Vice-Presidents, certified to the Superintendent in writing before being acted on by him.

Sec. 3. A member who desires to circulate stamps in the department must send them to the Superintendent mounted in proper books furnished for the purpose, with his name on the cover, the price visible near each specimen, and the total value of the book in the place provided on its cover. Counterfeits, non-governmental reprints, bulky entires, and books excessively written in will not be circulated, and the Superintendent may further refuse circulation in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 4, of these By-laws. Every owner participating agrees to make cash remittances for any stamps he may buy, during the time his stamps are in the department, exactly like any other purchasing member of the Society and submit to the assessments for the Insurance Fund and Superintendent's commission, when made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws. Claims for losses shall be made to the Superintendent, and payment accepted by warrant on the Treasurer, as provided in Article VII, Section 4, of these By-laws. Claims for payment for substituted stamps shall always be accompanied by the substituted stamps in the books as received by the owner, and such substituted stamps shall become the property of the Society, to be sold for the benefit of the Insurance Fund upon payment of the claim made by the owner.

ARTICLE IX.—Official Journal.

Section 1. The Official Journal of the Society shall be chosen by vote at the annual election. The Board of Vice Presidents shall invite offers from the various philatelic publications, specifying the conditions of the contract, through the official columns of the official journal at least 90 days prior to the date of the convention, and a synopsis of the same shall be printed upon the official ballot.

ARTICLE X.—American Philatelist.

Section 1. The American Philatelist shall be published quarterly. The first number shall be issued as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Annual Convention and shall contain a copy of the charter and By-laws as last amended, a full report of the last Annual Convention, the rules of all departments which may not be included in the general By-laws, a list of all branch societies and affiliated societies, a list of the names and addresses of all officers of the Society, and the publishers of the official journal, and also literary matter as may be of Philatelic or Society interest.

The second number shall be issued about February 1st, and shall contain a list of all active members, arranged alphabetically, numerically and geographically, together with such literary matter as may be selected.

The third and fourth numbers shall be issued about May 1st, and August 1st, and shall contain such official matter as the President or Secretary or Board of Vice Presidents may deem advisable, together with such literary matter as may be selected by the Editor.

The American Philatelist shall be edited by the Editor and approved by the President for publication.

Advertising shall be admitted subject to the approval of the Editor at a rate to be determined by the Board of Vice Presidents, but said advertisements shall not exceed the amount of space devoted to reading matter.

Ten copies shall be sent free to each Director, if he shall so request, ten copies to the Assistant Librarian, and one copy each to such libraries or other institutions as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Copies to the public, or extra copies for members, will be sold by the Secretary at 25c per copy, and the proceeds turned into the treasury. All copies on hand after one year from date of issue shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian. The expense of publishing it shall be paid from the General Fund.

Sec. 2. The subscription price of the American Philatelist shall be 30 cents

per year to members residing within the United States and possessions, and 50 cents per year to foreign members. To persons who are not members of this Society the subscription price shall be 60 cents per year, postage extra to foreign countries.

(Members who desire the American Philatelist must remit the subscription price accompanied by signed subscription form, with the membership dues.) All subscriptions payable to the Treasurer.

Sec. 3. The Secretary, immediately after the convention, shall advertise in the Official Journal for bids for the printing of the American Philatelist, and the contract shall be awarded by the Board of Directors, who may at their discretion reject any or all bids.

ARTICLE XI.—Branch Societies.

Section 1. Branch societies of this Society may be formed as follows: A charter may be issued by the Board of Vice Presidents for such a branch society on formal application to such Board; provided they shall have adopted a name and rules for their government, and shall submit a copy of the same with a list of the members, at the time the application is made; and provided that the said rules of the branch society are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-laws of the Society.

Sec. 2. Five or more stockholders resident in the locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same state, shall be necessary before a charter can be granted.

Sec. 3. Local and state branches so formed shall be numbered in regular order, in consecutive series, and each shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it; provided, that the name of the state branch includes the name of the State for which it is chartered.

Sec. 4. Branch societies so organized shall admit to membership only persons who are stockholders of the Society or who shall have made application for admission as such.

Such branch societies shall furnish to the Secretary of the Society the

name and address of a person who shall be designated as the secretary of such a branch, and to whom all of the official communications shall be sent by the Society. At each annual session, and upon the request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, said officer shall, whenever called upon, report to the board a statement of the number of meetings they have held during the year, a list of the members in good standing at the time of the report; and such other information as they may request pertaining to the work of said society.

All changes in the by-laws of a branch society shall be approved by the Board of Vice Presidents before the same can become effective. In the event that the membership in any branch is reduced to less than five members, or, in the event that a branch refuses or fails to comply with any of the above requirements, the Board of Vice Presidents may submit the facts to the Board of Directors, as in the case of a member, for the purpose of having the revocation of the charter of such offending branch voted upon.

No person, who may be elected an honorary member by any branch, unless he or she is a member of the American Philatelic Society in good standing, shall be permitted to vote or take any active part in the business proceedings of the branch with which affiliated.

Sec. 5. Each branch society so organized shall be required to subscribe for, acquire, and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Society, and may vote the same by proxy.

ARTICLE XII.—Property.

Section 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Society, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

Sec. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian for safe keeping after

two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Assistant Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the Board in which they originated.

Sec. 3. A duplicate form record book shall be kept, one by the Secretary and one by the President, wherein shall be securely fixed a duplicate of each form of printed matter that is used by any officer to whom is delegated executive power. All such blanks or forms shall have printed on them in a noticeable place "Form approved by Board of Directors" (date to follow); said approval to apply to the necessity of issuing and to form, and also to subject matter except as otherwise provided in the By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII.—Amendments.

Section 1. The By-laws of this Society may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stock-

holders voting on such alteration or amendments; provided, that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Society entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, or at any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-laws shall be final, if such proposed amendments shall have been published in the Official Journal at least thirty days prior to the date of such convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-laws adopted by any convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or By-laws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III, Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the Official Journal.



Articles of Incorporation of the American Philatelic Society.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves according to the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, entitled "An Act relating to Corporations other than those for pecuniary benefit," approved March 3, 1870, under the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. The name of the corporation shall be The American Philatelic Society. Its Principal office shall be in the city of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is established is to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists, and enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries, and, in furtherance of these objects, to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of stamps of various kinds through its several departments.

III. Any person may become a member of the society by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members, and accompanied by one dollar for a certificate of stock and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending August 31st), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a guarantee from some responsible person that the guarantor will be responsible for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the society, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references, and guarantor, to be published in the next number of the Official Circular sent to members, and, if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case any objection is filed with the Board of Vice Presidents, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof and proceed to investigate the case and accept or reject the applicant in their discretion.

IV. The capital stock shall consist of ten thousand shares of a par value of one dollar each. No member shall be allowed to purchase or hold more than one share of said stock. The annual dues shall be two dollars, or such sum as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

V. The corporation shall be managed by and under the care of the Board of Directors, to be elected at such times and in such manner as the By-Laws shall prescribe. The first Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices until the first day of September, 1897, and shall consist of the following: F. F. Olney, of Providence, R. I.; W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and George L. Toppan, of Boston, Mass.; Joe F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa; H. B. Phillips, of San Francisco, Cal.; E. Doeblin, of Allegheny, Pa.; N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill.; and G. D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897.

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER,
E. M. CARPENTER,

Witnesses as to

W. C. VAN DERLIP, J. L. KILBON,
AND GEO. L. TOPPAN.

MAXIL D. ROBB,
SAM E. ROBB.

Witnesses as to

E. S. STEBBINS, W. R. YOUNG,
AND GEO. W. ACHARD.

WILLARD C. VAN DERLIP, (Seal)
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Minneapolis, Minn.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
County of Suffolk. } ss.

On this 5th day of May, A. D. 1897, personally appeared W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and Geo. L. Toppan, to me known to be the signers and sealers of the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

(Notarial Seal)

JAMES A. LOWELL,
Notary Public, Suffolk County, Mass.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
County of Hennepin. } ss.

On this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897, personally appeared E. S. Stebbins, W. R. Young, and Geo. W. Achard, to me known to be the persons who executed and signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

(Notarial Seal)

MAXIL D. ROBB,
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.

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Office of Frank C. Metcalf, Registrar of Deeds.
County of Hennepin, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1897, at 1:45 o'clock p. m., and was duly recorded in Book 72, of Miscellaneous, pages 478, 479, 480.

FRANK C. METCALF,

By Frank J. Peterson, Deputy.

Registrar of Deeds.

Filed for record in this office June 30, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m.

ALBERT BERG, Secretary of State.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, Frank F. Olney, President, and Joe F. Beard, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the annual convention of this society, held in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, on the 24th, 25th and 26th days of August, 1897, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be The American Philatelic Association. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said corporation, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1897.

Filed for record in this office December
31, A. D. 1897, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

FRANK F. OLNEY,
President.

ALBERT BERG,
Secretary of State.

JOE F. BEARD,
Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

We, John N. Luff, President, and H. S. Adair, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the Annual Convention of this Society, held in the City of Columbus, County of Franklin, and State of Ohio, on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd days of July, 1908, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the American Philatelic Society. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said Corporation this 5th day of September, A. D. 1908.



JOHN N. LUFF,
President.

H. S. ADAIR,
Secretary.

I hereby certify that the above instrument was filed for record in this office on the 8th day of September, A. D. 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., and was duly recorded in Book Q-3, of Incorporations, on page 400.

JULIUS A. SCHMAHL,
Secretary of State.



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